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ABSTRACT

The annotated list of software for language learning and instruction includes items used by English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) teachers and those marketed for ESL. Software titles are grouped by hardware (Macintosh and MS-DOS), and within those sections, by language skill or application, including these categories: those discontinued by the publisher; comprehensive programs; discussion; grammar; listening; pronunciation; reading; reference; speaking; vocabulary development; writing; authoring; and other utilities. A separate section lists materials in the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) freeware and shareware libraries. Appended materials include a list of publishers and addresses, names and addresses of individuals who may be contacted for further information about the programs, indexes to special categories (bilingual, business-related, CD-ROM, elementary education, literacy, science/technology) and titles, and a form for submitting additions to the list. (MSE)

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Preface

The *TESOL CALL Interest Section Software List* is an annotated list of software for language learning. Items included are those reported in use by ESOL teachers and those marketed for ESL.

Software titles are grouped by hardware (Macintosh and MS-DOS) and within that, by language skill or application. We found that a number of titles in last year's edition had either been discontinued by the publisher or that the publisher was no longer in business. In these cases we have left the title in the list in the "Discontinued" category. Programs that are available for more than one machine type have duplicated listings. Please note that the skill area grouping is for general reference only; most of these programs can be used for a variety of language learning tasks. Programs have occasionally been listed in more than one area, where that seemed especially appropriate. The Amiga and Apple IIe listings have been omitted from this edition because we found little or nothing new for these machines. Those still using Apple IIe's and Amigas should check with TESOL for the 1993 print version and online in the CELIA archives (see below) for the 1994 disk version of the Software List.

After the title we have listed the type of learner the material is most suited for. The types are:

All	
K-6	(elementary education)
7-12	(secondary education)
Adult	(adult education—these are students who are not necessarily university-bound)
HE	(higher education—university- or university-bound students)
All but ___	(for everyone except the group listed, such as All but K-6)

The proficiency level comes next; we used L (literacy), B (beginning), I (intermediate) and A (advanced). If the material has significant authoring capability, a T (teacher) also appears.

Some titles have a "Special use" category. The "special uses" we have included are elementary education, bilingual, literacy, business, and science/technology. There are indexes in the back for each of these uses. All programs marked as bilingual are English-Spanish unless otherwise noted.

A short description of the program is given next. Descriptions came from the teachers who supplied the title, the editors, or the publisher.

The publisher for each software title is listed after the description. (Publisher addresses are in alphabetical order at the end of the software listings. We have marked with an asterisk the publisher addresses that we were unable to confirm. In the publisher listing, we have noted some of the vendors that sell titles from a specific publisher.)

Many entries also include a reference to published software reviews or discussions. CD = *CALL Digest*; CIS = *CALL Interest Section Newsletter*; CJ = *CÆLL Journal*; CALI = *CALICO Journal;* STDOM= *Something to Do on Monday* by M. Taylor and L. Perez, published in 1989 by Athelstan; and STDOT = *Something to Do on Tuesday* by Deborah Healey, published in 1995 by Athelstan.

After many entries you will find the last names of people who may be contacted for more information about the program. These are ESOL teachers who have used these programs and who are willing to discuss their strengths, weaknesses, and possible uses. The addresses and phone numbers of all the contact people follow the publisher list. If you see "Info from: Catalog," it means that the description came from the publisher rather than from a teacher.

Format of the listings:

Title
Publisher
    Additional vendors
Proficiency Level   Type of Learner
Special Use
Source of information: Review, Teacher References
Description

MicroConcord Corpus Collections
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
    See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Higgins

Microconcord allows you to search large text libraries for all occurrences of a word, which is an excellent way of dealing with many questions that arise out of corrections of written work, such as "What is the difference between first and at first?" or "..I don't care and I don't mind?"

Collection A taken from 'The Independent' newspaper; Collection B taken from OUP publications.

This version of the Software List includes indexes for those categories that people requested most: Elementary education, bilingual education, literacy, science, and business. In addition, there is an alphabetical index of all titles and a listing of titles available on CD-ROM.

Unless marked with an asterisk, all information on this list was verified as accurate as of press time (February 15, 1995). If you find any mistakes or have any additions, please contact Deborah Healey or Norman Johnson, TESOL CALL-IS Software List Editors, 360 E. 15th Avenue, Eugene OR 97401.

Please note the following:

Learner type and proficiency level are approximate only. Clearly, one program's "beginner" may be another's "intermediate"—take these as general guidelines, not as fixed in stone. Many programs listed for K-6 could also be used by others, but their general design is such that they would likely be more interesting to young children.

The CALL-IS makes no guarantees as to the efficacy of any of the software listed here.

February 1995   Deborah Healey & Norman Johnson, Editors

A Brief Introduction to CALL

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Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) is an increasingly robust area in language teaching. As many writers on computers in education have observed, the computer is one more teaching tool (like blackboards, books and tape recorders) that teachers can use according to their varied instructional purposes. It is at least partially true that when computers first began to be used in schools the design of the software dictated the teaching activity. However, over the past few years CALL software has become more diverse and more in tune with current language teaching methodologies. More importantly, teachers are discovering that they have considerable power to use the machine's peculiar capabilities for their own purposes. This introduction is intended to prompt you to look at what we do in class and how computers can make what we do easier and more effective.

First, let's think about classroom activities you do now and methods you use. One teacher's list might look something like this:

* content-based instruction	* pronunciation practice
* information gathering activities	* notional/functional focus
* vocabulary practice	* prewriting activities
* group discussions	* revising of writing, etc.

Now let's look at what computers do well:

1) facilitate re-writing (rearrange text easily);
2) control other media such as video and CD-ROM in an integrated fashion;
3) enable access to online resources, such as electronic mail, newsgroups, and libraries;
4) offer a combination of text, graphics, audio, and video in reference works;
5) customize instruction (repeat as often as needed, give immediate answers, etc.);
6) control lesson presentation (pace activities, randomization or ordering of items);
7) automate mechanical tasks (create cloze exercises, concordances and crossword puzzles);
8) keep track of complex sets of variables (useful for simulations of some aspect of real life);
9) facilitate gathering and sorting information from large databases (this includes the lists of words that spelling checkers use);
10) motivate students (students want to use computers and learn about them);
11) keep detailed records of student performance.

What are some ways that a computer might be able to help with what you do in class? For example, content-based instruction fits well with #3, #4 and #9. Pronunciation drills fit with #5 and #6. As you can see there are multiple possible uses of computers for many different language teaching activities. Whether you will choose to do a certain teaching activity with the help of a computer or not depends both on the availability of appropriate software and on the specific instructional goals you have for your students. You may choose to do a business simulation activity without the help of the computer because you want the students to practice organizing and keeping track of the information required to complete the simulation. On the other hand, a computer can free up your students from the maze of facts required to complete a simulation so that they can focus on the language of negotiation and problem solving.

The important thing to remember is that in many ways computers are amazingly flexible tools that can be used for many different purposes. Often, creative teachers will find uses of a particular software application that are quite distinct from the intended uses of the publisher. Consequently you will find many titles listed in this publication that were designed with no thought to learning English as a second language at all. Yet when we asked computer-using teachers what software titles they were using with their students we received replies with everything from business simulations to popular computer games. (There are many fine titles specifically designed for ESOL students, as well.)

As you consider what kinds of software you may want to acquire for your school's use it may be helpful to divide CALL into four general types.

FOUR TYPES OF CALL

1. The Basic Drill (Computer as Tutor—cf Taylor, 1980)

   This type of program "knows" the answer and will judge the student's response as correct or incorrect according to its own stored criteria. Some aspects of language learning work better with this type of practice than others. Pronunciation, especially work to reduce fossilized mispronunciations, is commonly drilled. Drills can offer sophisticated error checking and can provide information about weak areas in need of work.

2. Skill practice in non-drill format (Computer as Tutor)

   The learner is working on specific skills, but the programs in this category are more varied in format than those of the "Basic Drill" type. Speed reading/paced reading, text manipulation, and exploratory programs, as well as many different kinds of games show up here.

3. Global acquisition and production (Computer as Tool)

   These programs don't teach language per se, but they make learning it easier or better. Word-processors are probably the most prevalent type in this category. Other programs include simulations, where the computer serves as "microworld," and concordancers, that allow learners to see a multitude of examples of a word or structure and derive their own generalizations from the examples.

4. Teacher utilities, where the computer is used to produce class material and/or to keep track of student progress (Computer as Tool—for the teacher)

   Gradebook programs, crossword puzzle generators, and authoring systems in general fall into this category. These programs can make the teachers life considerably easier. They also make it possible to create material a busy teacher might not otherwise do, such as crosswords and word search puzzles.

SUGGESTIONS FOR USING CALL

Think first about what you do now and what you would like to do in class. Remember that computers are very good at repetition and at following instructions, but that they are also powerful tools for managing information.

Some students really enjoy drills; they find that this kind of practice works well for them. Other students prefer real-world applications. In both cases, CALL can be a communicative activity if students work in pairs or small groups. With group work on a drill, all must agree on an answer in a drill before typing it in and/or pressing return. In a simulation, different members of the group can be responsible for notetaking, calculating, keeping track of different variables and making specific decisions. Many simulations require the use of detailed notes to keep track of decisions that have been made; with those programs, more than one person can be responsible for notetaking.

Test-generation programs offer another opportunity for task-based learning if students make up the tests. The tests can be content-based rather than being language tests, since the goal is to have students use language while doing the task. For advanced-level, TOEFL-oriented students, however, trying to make up a TOEFL practice test can be a very useful challenge.

If you have computers that are linked to each other in what is referred to as a local-area network (LAN), you have more possibilities for group work. Students can use conference software to compose a group publication, or can simply send messages to each other. Sending messages works best if the students are in different classes and do not necessarily see each other, since it makes the communication task more realistic.

Final suggestions: read the screen first, then read the manual if you have a problem. Try the software out yourself before you use it with a class, but keep in mind that you are not expected to be a computer scientist. If you are lucky, there will be a student who either knows more than you do from the start, or who is willing to learn quickly and can serve as an aide. Get help from others doing similar things by joining a computer users group to learn more about the machine you use, and joining a language teachers' association.

A number of resources—print media and organizations—are listed on the following page. TESOL's **CALL Interest Section** has a semi-annual newsletter, sponsors numerous sessions at the TESOL convention and organizes a hospitality room equipped with a variety of computer hardware and experienced computer-using teachers. The monthly **TESOL Matters** newsletter has regular features on CALL. **CALICO** (Computer-Assisted Language Instruction Consortium) publishes a quarterly journal; ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) publishes the **CÆLL Journal** four times per year.

These groups and publications are invaluable sources of help and information for novices and for experienced CALL users. If you have a modem and have access to the **Internet**, there are many more possibilities. To start out you can join **TESL-L** (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Electronic List), an electronic discussion forum. To do this send an E-mail message to: Listserv@cunyvm.bitnet or Listserv@cunyvm.cuny.edu and say in the body of the message:

subscribe TESL-L <your first name> <your last name>

Put in your own first name and last name, and don't include the < > signs. For example:

subscribe TESL-L Mary Smith

Uppercase and lowercase don't matter. If you get stuck, send an email message to Anthea Tillyer, ABTHC@CUNYVM.CUNY.EDU on the Internet. She'll send you further instructions about signing onto TESL-L.

We hope you'll find using computers in your teaching fun, rewarding, and useful. If you use programs not listed here, please make sure you send in the Form for Additions to the Software List to share your experience with others. Good luck!

CALL Resources

Books:

Barlow, Michael and Suzanne Kemmer (Eds.)*Technology and Language Learning Yearbook, Vol. 4.* (1994) Houston, TX: Athelstan.

Crookall, David, and Rebecca L. Oxford (Eds.) (1991) *Simulation, Gaming, and Language Learning*. New York: Newbury House.

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Underwood, John. (1984) *Linguistics, Computers, and the Language Teacher.* Rowley, MA: Newbury House.

US Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (1988). *Power On! New Tools for Teaching and Learning.* Washington: US Government Printing Office.

US Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (1993). *Adult Literacy and New Technologies: Tools for a Lifetime*. OTA-SET-550. Washington: US Government Printing Office.

Organizations, Journals and Newsletters:

Athlestan Newsletter, 2476 Bolsover #464, Houston, TX 77005.

CALICO Journal, CALICO,104 Languages Building, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706.

CÆLL Journal, ISTE, University of Oregon, 1787 Agate St, Eugene, OR 97403.

Computer-Assisted Language Learning, Ablex Publishing Corp., 335 Chestnut Street, Norwood NJ 07648.

MUESLI (MicroUsers in ESL Institutions), IATEFL, 3 Kingstown Chambers, Tankerton, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2DJ, United Kingdom.

MS-DOS Users' Group Newsletter. Write to Vance Stevens, Sultan Qaboos University, Language Centre, Box 32493, AL-Khod, Oman, and ask to be put on the mailing list.

National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE), Union Center Plaza, 810 First Street, N.E., 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20002.

National Clearinghouse on Bilingual Education, 1118 22nd Street N.W., Washington DC 20037.

SYSTEM, Pergamon Press, Inc., Maxwell House, Fairview Park, Elmsford, NY 10523.

The TESOL CALL Interest Section publishes the *CALL-IS Newsletter*, which may be received by TESOL members by designating the CALL Interest Section as their primary interest group. Contact the TESOL office, 1600 Cameron St., Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314.

CELIA—The Computer Enhanced Language Instruction Archives

What is CELIA?

CELIA is an archive or storage space (like a library) of software for Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL). The software is either shareware or freeware. Except for demos, commercially sold software cannot be archived in CELIA. The software comes from you the users and developers of CALL materials.

CELIA can be accessed by gopher-server at USA/michigan/Merit software archive or by FTP at archive.umich.edu. Further detailed instructions on how to use CELIA appear below. The archive is organized in a tree so that the first major choice is language, the next the language learning activity (e.g. vocabulary, grammar, etc.), and last the operating system under which the software runs. At present there are files for only DOS and Macintosh in the archive.

It is hoped that teachers will use CELIA to exchange software on an international co-operative basis by uploading it to CELIA in order to cut down development time and create more choices in CALL courses for language learners. There are many software packages that allow teachers to author CALL "exercises." These authored files are the teacher's copyright property (even if the program needed to run them is a commercial product), and can be shared free of charge with other teachers who also own the same authoring software. Typically such files are often ascii files. Such "authored exercises," the instructions to use such exercises, files to be printed as handouts to students, etc. can all form part of material uploaded to CELIA.

Who can use CELIA?

Anybody who has access to the Internet. It is a free service. If teachers in your local community do not have Internet access you may think of organizing local funding so that they can access CELIA.

How can I use CELIA?

Right now there are only two CELIA server sites at Merit Network in Ann Arbor Michigan, and at La Trobe Univ near Melbourne, Australia. Both of these sites offer Gopher and FTP service. The Michigan site may be moving to CUNY in New York during 1995/1996. Check with Lloyd Holliday (L.Holliday@latrobe.edu.au), Anthea Tillyer (ABTHC@cunyvm.cuny.edu), or Deborah Healey (dhealey@oregon.uoregon.edu) if you cannot find CELIA in Michigan.

To use the Gopher service:

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gopher gopher.archive.merit.edu
  and choose "Merit Software Archives"
    and there it is!
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OR

navigate from any gopher server to gopher servers in North America, choose Michigan, and then Merit Software Archives.

Gopher server commands are all visible to users and no special words are required. In effect you use the cursor arrow keys to point to the correct directory entry you wish to access and push ENTER. Each directory that contains software files is headed by a file called index00.txt which gives a brief description of each software file. CELIA is not a database of information about CALL software, nor at present is there an overall catalogue or database of what software is in CELIA.

In order to retrieve a software file using Gopher you just have to point to the file and push ENTER. Gopher will ask you if you want the file delivered to your current account. Once Gopher has transferred the file to your account you may have to transfer it to your local Mac or PC and then you will have to decompress the file before using it. For more details on how to use CELIA see the FAQ in CELIA.

To use FTP to access CELIA, type what is in italics.

1. To the Univ. of Michigan (most Macintosh files)

a. $ *FTP archive.michigan.edu*
b. FTP> user *anonymous*
c. FTP> password: (type your email address)
d. FTP> *cd ftp-celia/english*
e. FTP>*dir* (to see what's there)
f. FTP> *get* filename — for example, *get 00index.txt*
g. FTP> *bye* (sometimes *quit* works; it depends on your system)

2. To La Trobe University (most DOS files)

a. $ *FTP ftp.latrobe.edu.au* (or *ftp archive.latrobe.edu.au*)
b. FTP> user *anonymous*
c. FTP> password: (type your email address)
d. FTP> *cd pub/celia*
e. FTP>*dir* (to see what's there)
f. FTP> *get* filename — for example, *get 00index.txt*
g. FTP> *bye* (sometimes *quit* works; it depends on your system)

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IBM and Compatible Computers

DISCONTINUED

Grammar Gremlins
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.

Master Match
Publisher: Advanced Ideas

Reading Strategy Series
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents

Stickybear Opposites
Publisher: Optimum Resources

Talking Stickybear Opposites
Publisher: Optimum Resources

Time Table of History—Science and Invention
Publisher: Mindscape

Travelers Guild: English for Spanish Speakers
Publisher: Audio Forum

Vocabulary Mastery II for Business
Publisher: ALA

Vocabulary Tutor Series
Publisher: Mindplay

COMPREHENSIVE

Advanced English Language Acquisition Program
Publisher: Intechnica International
See also Multimedia Literacy Co.
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE
Info from: catalog

Designed to prepare post-secondary students for TOEFL, BEST, and other standardized language tests used in higher education and adult basic education. 40+ lesson program is divided into four sections. Requires CD-ROM.

ALA Lab System, The
Publisher: ALA
See also Alta
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

This package includes an extensive variety of ESL lesson content, presented in a number of different lesson formats. Lesson content includes a comprehensive review of English grammar, graded readings, vocabulary memorization and songs for language learning. Lesson formats include traditional language lab mode (listen, record your voice and compare to the model), listening dictations, cloze exercises, sentence building (select one word each from several columns to create acceptable English sentences), crossword puzzles and more. The authoring option allows teachers to create additional lesson content using any of the lesson formats. Requires CD-ROM drive and sound card.

BBC New English Course
Publisher: Ladder Multimedia
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Runs only under Windows. A series of 24 CD-ROMs provide a variety of language activities. Includes an English-Chinese dictionary.

CSL ClassWorks
Publisher: Chancery Software
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

This is an instructional management system for classrooms. It incorporates third-party software in ESL, math, and writing. Lessons are organized by skill and objective, making it possible to design individual education programs for ESL and Chapter 1 students. Schools can add their own software, as well.

Teachers can create their own lessons from the software provided. All material is presented through a menu system. Training is available either on-site or at Chancery Software's Mac School University.

Computerized Citizenship Preparation Program
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: Adult
Special use: Citizenship
Info from: catalog

This program uses text, graphics, and audio to help learners prepare for the written and oral portions of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Citizenship Test. Students learn about US history and government in preparation for the test. They can listen to questions and record their answers for later review. Quizzes are included so students can check their understanding. The program requires a sound card, microphone, and headset. It will run either from disks (loaded onto a hard drive) or from a CD.

Ellis Middle Mastery
Publisher: CALI
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Comprehensive interactive program for intermediate learners. Utilizes motion video, graphics, animation, text, sound, and voice recording to provide a virtual language environment. Teaches grammar, vocabulary, culture, listening and pronunciation. DOS and Windows.

Ellis Senior Mastery
Publisher: CALI
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Comprehensive interactive program for intermediate to advanced learners. Utilizes motion video, graphics, animation, text, sound, and voice recording to provide a virtual language environment. Teaches grammar, vocabulary, culture, listening, and pronunciation. Laserdisc and MPEG.

English Basics
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Reviews and reinforces English skills including parts of speech and concepts in language arts.

English Discoveries
Publisher: Berlitz Edustar
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Literacy
Info from: N. Johnson

Designed to provide ESL students at all levels with a multimedia opportunity to explore, practice and assess themselves on a wide range of language and thinking skills. The program offers a broad scope of materials and activities as well as prepared lessons which include reading, writing, speaking, listening, and grammar skills. It also allows teachers to easily develop their own lessons. In addition to prepared lessons, students may work in specific areas such as language (grammar), listening (using video clips), speaking (creating part of a dialogue), and adventures (following clues). There are 11 CD-ROM disks (Let's Start, 3 beginner, 3 intermediate, 3 advanced, and a review disk) which are consistent in format and include pre and post tests. The recently released program will soon include a networkable management system. There are testing options throughout the program and a separate review disk.

English Express
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: 5-Adult
Info from: Healey; CJ 4:1 1993; CJ 4:2 1993; STDOT

This vocabulary-centered language teaching system offers students opportunities for listening, speaking, reading and writing English. It requires a CD-ROM drive, videodisc with barcode reader, computer with hard drive, and a sound card. It comes with extensive teacher's guides, including a videotape showing how to apply the material, lesson plans, and complete scripts of what is on the videodiscs. Installation is part of the package when a network version is purchased.

English Tutor for Windows
Publisher: Exceller Software
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Requires Windows. 80 comprehensive lessons. Students can record themselves and compare to a native speaker model.

ESL 2000
Publisher: HRB Systems
Level: Intermediate, Advanced For: All but K-8
Special use: Bilingual, business
Info from: catalog

This multimedia package incorporates textbooks, videodiscs, and CD-ROM and disk-based software. The package comes with *Family Album, USA* and *Language Dynamics* on videodisc, *Ellis Master Pronunciation* (see below) and *Transparent Language* on CD-ROM, as well as other ESL software on disk. The program also comes with a placement test and detailed record-keeping, including information about the specific lesson objectives that the student needs or has mastered. The company will tailor the software it includes to fit the purchaser, but there is a focus on English for Business.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Info from: catalog

Multimedia version of the Goldilocks story. After listening to the story, students can play games like Who Lives Here, Tic Tac Toe, Concentration or BINGO. Games teach and reinforce elements of the story and help increase grammar, comprehension, and vocabulary skills.

I Speak English
Publisher: Intechnica International
See also Multimedia Literacy Co.
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Spanish, Japanese, Italian, etc.)
Info from: catalog

English tutorial immersion instruction for any learner. Reading/writing/listening/ speaking curriculum from zero reading level to grade 9 reading level. Bilingual support available in Spanish, Japanese, Italian, and many more. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Introductory Games
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Beginning level. Multimedia with interesting and challenging games and interactive stories. Requires Multimedia PC or equivalent or PC with Windows 3.1 and an MPC-compliant CD-ROM drive and audio board.

Invest in the Future
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning, literacy For: Adult
Special use: literacy, business
Info from: Jabaji

A comprehensive system targeted for adult learners. It provides instruction at literacy, ABE and GED levels in reading, vocabulary, spelling, language, writing, mathematics, survival skill, and life skills. It also tests literacy skills, problem-solving and critical thinking skills. The lessons are designed as an interconnected set and not as a collection of stand-alone courses. They include interactive graphics and sound. Invest's integrated management system allows instructors to monitor the performance and path of individual students or groups and receive special notice of learners who are having difficulty. It generates reports, provides automated student placement, and customizes curriculum.

This is an expensive system, approx. $11,000 for each workstation.

JLC Employability Skills
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Jabaji

Curriculum is flexible. The lessons are designed for students who have at least a sixth-grade reading level. An on-line glossary is provided for words and phrases that are above this reading level. Instructors may assign the units in whichever sequence best fits the needs of each student. The lessons are written around real-life scenarios and deal with work-related situations. The lessons often do not have a specific right or wrong answer, but are designed to allow students to make decisions and then see the consequences of these decisions. The lessons also deal with affective skills.

The ten units are: Traits of a good employee, appearance and hygiene, dealing with bosses and superiors, dealing with peers and co-workers, greeting the public, communicating in the work place, following directions and taking initiative, office etiquette, organization, finding a job.

Employability Skills provides highly interactive individualized instruction. It contains colorful graphics and computer animation to illustrate concepts and hold student attention.

JLC Life Skills

Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Jabaji

Includes an on-line pretest which assesses mastery of all competencies and nine units of lessons which address critical competencies. It also includes remedial and supplementary core lessons for students who demonstrate the need for these. The nine units are: Listening skills, mathematical skills, managing money, reading for information, evaluating information and making decisions, organizing and presenting information, finding and using information, interpreting graphics information, and filling out forms.

Life Skills provides highly interactive individualized instruction. It contains colorful graphics and computer animation to illustrate concepts and hold student attention.

Learn to Speak English Series

Publisher: HyperGlot Software Company
See also Athelstan
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Business, bilingual (Fr, Ger, Sp, It, Port, Jap)
Info from: Levy, N. Johnson

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences, listening dictation), a listen to the model pronunciation record your voice and compare with the model feature, and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge.

Learning English: Home & Family

Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-12, Adult
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions.

Learning English: Neighborhood Life

Publisher: Conter Software
See also Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Info from: catalog

A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions. Themes covered include: shopping, entertainment, banking, asking for directions, and using the library among others.

Learning English Series: Primary
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

A series of six programs following a theme-based, integrated approach to ESL. Each program consists of three components--Story Reader, Story Thinker (comprehension questions and activities) and Word Time. The six programs in the series are: Me, Myself and I (new friends and parts of the body); Animal Antics (the world of animals); The Time Shop (seasons and time concepts); World of Numbers (grouping, counting and comparing sets of objects); School Days (people, places, activities and objects found in school); and Home, Sweet Home (things in and around the home). Requires CD-ROM drive.

Project Star
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: catalog

Literacy program for secondary at-risk students. 90 hours of instruction at each of three levels in vocabulary/spelling/comprehension.

Star By Design
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Intended for secondary at-risk students. 90 hours of instruction at each of three levels in vocabulary, spelling, and comprehension.

Star II
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Intended for secondary at-risk students. 90 hours of instruction at each of three levels in vocabulary, spelling, and comprehension.

Tapestry Early Learning Programs
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, literacy

Tapestry has three main components: early childhood, emerging literacy, and parental involvement in both English and Spanish.

Triple Play
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Multimedia with interesting and challenging games and interactive stories. Requires Multimedia PC or equivalent or PC with Windows 3.1 and an MPC-compliant CD-ROM drive and audio board.

Triple PlayPlus!
Publisher: Syracuse Language Systems
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Requires CD-ROM drive. Features the games and comic strips in TriplePlay, plus new ways to use them, including a reading mode and an Automatic Speech Recognition mode. Available in English, Spanish, French, and German versions.

DISCUSSION

3 Puzzles
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: All
This disk comes with Track, Invenntion, and Seesaw; see each of these separately.

Amazon Trail
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, AE, HE
Info from: Baltra
Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development.

Animals, The
Publisher: Mindscape
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Moore
This is a multimedia tour of San Diego Zoo. It includes 80 video clips (small 2 x 3 inches on screen); pictures and information about 200 animals; information about the areas they live in and a section on endangered animals. We plan to use it as an information source for intermediate academic students. It seems to have been created for primary to secondary school students, but has been popular with adult EFL students. The menu page is a picture of the zoo from above, and you just click on the area you're interested in or choose an animal from a list.

Around the World in 80 Days
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Kenner
A fairly simple, somewhat mediocre and dated, text- based adventure game. Players try to travel around the world before the eighty day time limit expires. Full instructions are given at the opening. The program's operation is not overly complex. It could probably be explained and exploited in one or two sessions. 80 DAYS is created using the GAGS: General Adventure Game System, a 1986 shareware product which may still be available. While the GAGS system in its entirety is not provided, more expert users could probably figure out the format of the data files used to present 80 DAYS, and clone them to produce different simple adventures.

Beyond Planet Earth
Publisher: Discovery Communications
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton
Runs under Windows. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Blockers and Finders II
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: CJ (1:3/1990 p.7); Krauss
Students send finders through a grid which contains hidden blockers. and they must deduce the position of the blockers from the paths that the finders take. Students should work in groups for language practice.

Castles
Publisher: Interplay Productions
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Phinney

Simulation allows user to build medieval castles. As the ruler, you must make decisions about taxes, labor, food supply, and design. You must solve problems that the council brings to you. Each problem is presented as a dialog with 3 choices.

Crimelab
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Science (medicine)
Info from: Kenner

Simulates the identification of suspects by doing chemical analysis on blood types. This is a fairly simple program. From the menu, one can see a reading, which sets the scene. There is a fairly involved tutorial on blood types and blood type testing. There is a simulated crimelab, where the user is in control. The CGA graphics are adequate, but quite modest by today's standards. Once the blood is typed (which the player must determine by examining which samples form blood clots from which reagents), then one can proceed to the suspects list and accuse a suspect.

There are no built-in instructions. Teachers would have to become familiar with the game and create a setting and instructions for their students. This simulation might be quite applicable to learners interested in science.

Cross Country Canada/USA
Publisher: Didatech Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All

Using a realistic, yet fun visual format this geography simulation lets students take on the role of a long distance truck driver. Students make decisions about finding and delivering in a timely fashion up to 52 different commodities to 180 cities. Students need to read maps, calculate distances, estimate expenses, and plan cost-effective routes from coast to coast. The program and accompanying teacher's manual offer many possibilities for ESL/EFL communicative language practice through cooperative learning tasks.

Designasaurus II
Publisher: Compton's New Media
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Taylor

Design your own dinosaur; print out a transfer for a T-shirt.

Factory, The
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Intermediate For: All

Simulated machine assembly line. Also available in Spanish: La Fabrica. IBM versions also available in Windows.

Fast Food
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Wida
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Levy, Healey

This is a business simulation of running a fast food stall for 6 days of trading. Students can use weather predictions and previous experience to choose the number of hot dogs, amount of lemonade, and the like to make. The teacher should encourage students to work collaboratively to make decisions about what to do. They can also play competitively to make the best profit compared to other groups. The amount of language learning and collaboration will depend on the tasks students are given.

Hidden Agenda
Publisher: Scholastic Software
See also Learning Services
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Langford, N. Johnson

Political simulation requiring reading, analysis and decision-making. Students learn the complexities and realities of government as they lead an emerging nation to political, economic and social stability. Students need to study simulated foreign and domestic press reports, chart economic and social trends, select cabinet members, etc.

Invenntion
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Athelstan
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (4:2/1988), Taylor, N. Johnson

Logic program using Venn diagrams. Somewhat authorable.

London Adventure
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

This is a text-based simulation of shopping and getting around in London. The basic premise is that you need to pick up six items in London and get to the airport before your plane leaves--time is a factor. Learners need to pick the right thing to say and do from the choices presented on screen in order to succeed. If they make a wrong choice, the program gives a realistic response such as "What?" or "The clerk ignores you."

Learners can go through the simulation individually, but lively discussion is possible if they work in pairs. Teams can also be set up on different computers to see who can get all the items the fastest.

Market
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Business
Info from: Kenner

A resource-management type simulation based on the buying and selling of stock on the stock market. Each player can begin with a certain amount of cash (definable) and proceed through a series of market days as stock climbs or goes down. After each day there is the opportunity to review the player's portfolio. Each stock can be viewed in a performance graph. The program keeps track of all the bookkeeping. The game can become quite complex, but need not be so. It can also be played at a fairly simple level, though some knowledge of the stock market would have to be imparted. The game is robust and runs fairly easily.

Mystery Objects
Publisher: MECC
Level: Advanced For: All but HE

Learners request clues such as color, weight, shape, and size to help them identify objects. Color clues can be turned off for monochrome monitors.

Oregon Trail
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Students make decisions following a simulated trip along the Oregon Trail. The program has excellent graphics and a lot of information is presented on screen in the course of the simulation. This lends itself to use in cooperative learning plans where each student in a team has responsibility for monitoring different information. There are a lot of resources about this period such as pioneer journals that can be used effectively in conjunction with this program. Having the students keep a journal of their simulated trip also works well as an extension activity.

RSVP
Publisher: Blue Lion Software
See also American Education Corp.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

This program presents 19 different passages on day-to-day settings. Learners fill in the blanks in the text with the appropriate words or phrases. The goal is to help learners work on grammar, vocabulary, spelling, and culturally-appropriate behavior. This contains a text editor and can be used over a network.

Sherlock Holmes, Consulting Detective, V. III
Publisher: ICOM Simulations
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

The third of a series of whodunits to solve, this is a challenging puzzle for advanced learners. Stories are based on Sherlock Holmes adventures and students can use many different types of clues to try to solve the mysteries. The CD offers audio conversations to listen to, newspapers to read, and a wealth of other information—if students know where to look for it. A cluebook is also included. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

SimCity Classic
Publisher: Maxis Software
See also Broderbund, Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (5:6/1989); Taylor; Jones; Langford

In this city simulation, learners plan and manage a city through periods of growth, recession, and various natural disasters. Getting started takes a fair bit of time and teacher work to prepare students, even at advanced levels. Once learners know the basics, however, the activity is very engaging. This works best as a group activity since many different areas need simultaneous attention to avoid the city's financial collapse and/or physical destruction.
Other variations include SimEarth, SimAnt, SimCity 2000, SimTown, and SimTower. SimTown is described below.

SimTown
Publisher: Maxis Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A CD-ROM based simulation where students build and manage a small town. The program features animated graphics showing people in houses, buildings and around town. Students can even design the citizens of the town--the kinds of clothes they wear, where they eat, where they go each day etc. As the town grows it uses up water and produces garbage so teams of students need to negotiate how they will keep their town growing and healthy.

Sleuth
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

A fairly simple to use murder-mystery simulation. It allows the user(s) to visually move through a house, read written descriptions, and question or examine suspects. An option allows for the inclusion of custom names as suspects, for personalization. It seems that it could easily be incorporated into a one-session adventure-game type exploitation, as discussed in the literature. See the classic article "An EFL Class in Mystery House" by Armando Baltra [TESOL Newsletter, 1984].

Track
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins

Logic puzzles in which learners have to read carefully and think about a set of clues in order to work out missing information on a diagram of the London subway system. The program can be used on screen or will create paper puzzles.

Transport Tycoon
Publisher: MicroProse
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: business
Info from: Rogers

The player manages a transport company set up in 1930 with currency in an undeveloped country area, using road, rail, air or water transport--separately or combined. As the transport infrastructure grows, so the villages and the areas around them grow too. The skillful manager must transport the goods to where they are needed and the people to where they want to go. To succeed, the player must put vehicles in the right place at the right time.

This game is a delight. Like the best games, it is addictive. The minimum speed needed is a 386 running at 25 MHz, with a 486 as a recommended minimum. The minimum memory required is 4 Mb, but even here there may be difficulties, as without 2.5 Mb of extended or expanded memory it will refuse to run.

Trivia

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: For: Adult

A fast-paced short answer game, Trivia can be used as the basis for any rapid practice activity. Teacher authorable.

Where in the World /USA/ Europe/America's Past/Time is Carmen Sandiego?

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Carrier, Thrush, Jones; CD (4:7/1988); STDOT

Detective mystery/ adventure. Students need to use travel, geographic, and historical clues to solve the mystery. Geographic Carmens come with the World Atlas as a reference for student use.

GRAMMAR

50 TOEFL SWE Grammar Tests
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: catalog

50 practice tests from Section 2, Structure and Written Expression.

Active and Passive Forms
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren

TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Advanced Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, catalog

For advanced levels, there are three separate disks on 1) definite and indefinte articles, 2) run-on's and fragments, and 3) the meanings of prepositions. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Adverbs and Adjectives in -LY
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

This short multiple choice activity, in four parts, deals with situations in which the affix -LY ambiguously signals adverb when the word is being used adjectivally.

Articles (Dalgish ESL Series)
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson

Students get practice in deciding whether 'a','an','the' or no article should go before a word. Designed for ESL. On Dalgish Grammar disk with others in this series.

Basic Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Algren, catalog

These are single disk programs designed for 20 minute practice sessions. Each program focuses on a particular grammatical problem for low to intermediate level students. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation.

CALL English Library Disks
Publisher: Thomas Nelson ELT
See also Eurocentres
Level: Beginning For: All

A series of motivating and challenging disks: grammar, vocabulary, functional language, business language, exam preparation.

CALL for English: Data Disks

Publisher: Wida Software/Eurocentres
See also Athelstan, RDA
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Hurst

Subscription to 5 disks per year of data files to accompany Eurocentres/Wida software: Gapmaster, Choicemaster, Testmaster, Pinpoint, Storyboard, Matchmaster, Textmixer. Full documentation includes source articles.

Cambridge FCE Examination Practice

Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Wida
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Info from: catalog

This offers practice for the reading and usage sections of the Cambridge exam. It has multiple-choice vocabulary and reading comprehension as well as cloze, sentence rewriting, and text reconstruction exercises. Students can work in "Exploratory" (practice) mode, where they can check their answers as they go and see the range of possible answers, or in "Examination" mode, where they must answer all the questions before they can see their score and examine their errors.

Code Breaker

Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Gessler
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Eastment

Students develop strategies to break an encoded passage using logic, grammatical categories, and prediction from context.

COMPress ESL Course

Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Comprehensive review of English grammar designed for ESL. Students can choose to either see the rule first and then practice, or attempt to answer the questions and refer to the rules as needed. All questions are in multiple choice format. Each of the 228 lessons is organized according to a behavioral Objective for the lesson, a concise statement of the grammar Rule to be practiced, a Practice section with 20-30 problems, and an Example file showing completed practice problems and how the rule applies. The complete program consists of 30 floppy disks, but it can be purchased in 3 subsets: Program A for high beginning to intermediate level students (13 disks), Program B for intermediate level students (11 disks), and Program C intended for advanced level ESL students (6 disks).

Definite and Indefinite Articles

Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams, N. Johnson

Explanations and practice with the use of a, an, the and no article. The student is presented with explanations of the use of articles, followed by practice exercises. Rules for the usage of proper nouns are also given. If the student cannot do the practice, s/he can go to a review of the rules. In a final review, paragraphs are presented using the definite, indefinite or no article with explanations to why they are used or not. Finally, a paragraph is given and students fill in the blank with the correct article. A test is provided at the end of the pratice exercises and the test scores can be printed for teacher reference.

Do You Want to Bet

Publisher: Tango
See also Delta Systems
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A question and answer game with the interesting feature of allowing students to bet on their degree of confidence that their answer is correct. Can be played by individuals or up to four students at a time. An authoring menu allows teachers to create new games based on classroom materials.

Editing
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner; STDOT

Provides practice in finding out common errors in sentence and paragraph level texts. At the paragraph level, users may select type of error, or let the computer randomly sprinkle errors into the paragraph. Explanations are provided for the error, should the student want them. Most explanations are adequate, though some could be improved.
On Dalgish Grammar disk.

English Grammar Computerized I and II
Publisher: Lingo Fun
Level: Beginning For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Wachman

A pair of programs designed for review of and practice in applying grammar rules. The core of both modules consists of drill-type grammar exercises. Users choose "topics" (e.g. "present progressive") and "lessons" (e.g. "spelling 'ing' forms," "negatives," etc.) via menus. The program gives immediate feedback after each answer, including symbolic notation indicating types of errors and reminders of rules. After three incorrect attempts, the program gives the correct answer. Points are awarded based on the number of tries before the correct answer is given. At any time, menus may be used to access program instructions and extensive reviews of rules with examples. Program I includes topics such as the verb "to be," present, simple past, and future tenses, modals, pronouns, and comparatives. Program II includes present perfect, periphrastic modals, passives, and conditionals. Students who like to drill themselves enjoy working individually or in pairs in a laboratory setting. Teachers can assign review and practice based on individual need.

English Troubleshooters
Publisher: Bodine, Jay F.
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Info from: CJ (1:2/1990); Snyder

Authoring system for fill-in-the blank and structural transformation drills.

ESL Bilingual Demons
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Multiple-choice program helps students cope with troublesome points of English grammar, usage, and spelling. Similar to ESL demons, but with instructions and explanations in Spanish. Networkable.

ESL Demons
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Multiple-choice program helps students cope with troublesome points of English grammar, usage and spelling. Networkable.

Firsthand Access
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's *English Firsthand* series, combines an easily recognizable progression of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation points with a variety of interactive exercises to create a multimedia language-learning environment. The course includes over one hundred listening-based activities, using CD-quality sound and animated graphics to engage and motivate students.

For Grammar Review
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog
9 disks; 12 lessons with 2 sets of exercises each--find the error and sentence completion.

Gerunds
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams
Includes exercises on gerund phrases, complements, adverbial and adjective modifiers, possessive use with gerunds. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Grammar Examiner
Publisher: Softprime
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
Now sold under the title Jr. High Grade Builder

Grammar Mastery II Series A, B, C
Publisher: ALA
See also Alta
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Adato, Pomann, Bradin; STDOT
Grammar tutorial and drill program. Six lesson disks in each series work on specific grammar areas, from BE verbs to complex sentences. Series A is beginning level; Series C is advanced.

Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Algren, catalog
Covers grammar points in several disks. For low and high intermediate levels, there are separate disks on each of the following: irregular verbs, phrases used with count/non count nouns, practice with prepositions, subject verb agreement, practicing with adjectives, practicing with past tense of irregular verbs, and verb phrases.

Guide to Grammar and Writing on the Computer for the ESL Student, A
Publisher: Kendall/Hunt
Level: Intermediate For: HE, Adult
Info from: Dalgish
Text and software.

HangWord 3.1
Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Stevens
A whole-text deletion program. Developed according to research into its use with students, the program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

Infinitive/-ing
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Two programs: one on participle choices (past vs. present) and the second on main verbs taking infinitives or gerunds after them, in which students can request main verb and see which form comes after.

Information Type Questions
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Practice with WHAT,WHERE, WHEN and WHY as question words and with the expressions HOW MANY, HOW MUCH, and HOW OFTEN. Students should have some understanding of count and non-count nouns before using the second lesson. The practice lessons give an answer statement, then ask the student to type the first word of the question.

Intermediate Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, catalog

Three Separate disks: 1) Practicing With Adjectives 2)Practicing with Past Tense of Irregular Verbs 3) Verb Phrases. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Irregular Verbs
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

This is a 3 disk program providing practice material on principal parts of 90 irregular verbs. The program is designed to help students remember the principal parts of the verbs.

Jr. High Grade Builder
Publisher: Softprime
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

Native speaker grammar practice in a board game format where players (cub reporters) compete to become a newspaper editor. Up to 4 players (can include the computer as a player) move around on the simulated board. Different types of squares require different responses, including true/false, find the correct one (of two) sentences, and paragraph editing where points are gained or lost by fixing or missing errors. Usable as is by advanced level students. Authorable—teachers or students can create different board patterns, adjusting the types of squares as appropriate to the students' proficiency level. Questions and texts can be created that are ESL-specific.

Meanings of Prepositions, The
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Prepositions with examples for each meaning ("into," for example, has 4 meanings). After all 6 prepositions are presented, a practice exercise follows. Students can choose to take a test consisting of 15 fill-in-the blank questions.

MicroConcord
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Stevens, Higgins; CJ 5:1 1994; STDOT

A versatile and fast concordancer, very professionally done. It works on huge text files and produces concordance output on screen which can be manipulated in numerous ways (e.g. sorted by 1 to n words to right or left of target, source text can be accessed, non-productive items ejected, printing to file, etc.). Comes with an excellent manual explaining many uses of concordancers. The optional corpora are separated into business, science, humanities, etc. texts, generally taken from British newspapers.

MicroConcord Corpus Collections
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Higgins

Microconcord allows you to search large text libraries for all occurrences of a word, which is an excellent way of dealing with many questions that arise out of corrections of written work, such as "What is the difference between first and at first?" or "..I don't care and I don't mind?"
Collection A taken from 'The Independent' newspaper; Collection B taken from OUP publications.

Modifiers: Adjectives

Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Includes exercises on use of adjectives, different kinds of adjectives, nouns used as adjectives, comparison of adjectives. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Modifiers: Adverbs

Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Exercises include forms of adverbs, NO and NOT, interrogative adverbs, comparison of adverbs, special cases, and double negatives. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Parlance Grammar

Publisher: Parlance Software
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Plain ESL grammar tutorial and drill divided into 180 lessons representing 959 grammar rules. Each rule is accompanied by specific examples showing proper and improper construction. Designed for adult learners. Each lesson is supported by two sets of exercises. The first exercise requires students to choose the incorrect form among four examples of the rule applied in a multi-sentence context. The second exercise is a multiple-choice, fill-in the blank. This program is of most use for students who are interested in a systematic approach to grammar instruction or who need careful review of specific grammar points.

Participles

Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Includes exercises on participle forms, phrases, modifiers and complements, dangling participles, and misplaced modifiers. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Parts of Speech

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

Provides practice in deriving the different parts of speech of the same root, recognizing obligatory contexts, and using the different forms. Some will react negatively to the lack of contextualization in the sentences produced by program. Others will see this for what it is: practice of a discrete point of grammar. This program creates random sentences from pre-selected pieces. The sense of the sentences is sometimes a bit stretched, but it is usually imaginable. The program makes extensive use of colour in its displays. These may not appear properly on some monochrome displays.

Patterns of Sentences

Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Drills kinds of sentences, inverted order, questions, imperatives. etc. Designed for native speakers.

Phrases Used with Count and Non-Count Nouns
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Tutorial and practice exercise on count and non-count nouns. A list of the modifying words and phrases used with count and non-count nouns is shown. Two practice exercises follow: a noun and modifying word or phrase, and count and non-count nouns in complete sentences.

Placement
Publisher: CALI
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Graded multiple-choice questions in each of the 4 skills and a combined test. The teacher can choose the skill to begin with. Thereafter the program is "adaptive". Used for: 1. Preliminary course placement. 2. Deciding to change a student's level. 3. Diagnosis of strength/weakness levels. 4. Pre- and post-testing.

Plurals
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson

Students type in their own words and determine the plural; they can be tested on irregular ones.

Practice with Prepositions
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren

Drill and practice designed to give students repeated exposure to prepositions in the context of sentences.

TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Practicing with Adjectives
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Two disks. Lessons and practice on the comparative and superlative forms of 15 adjectives. The second disk gives practice in using adjectives ending in -FUL,-IVE,-ABLE,-Y (such as harmFUL,informatIVE, believABLE and sandY). Each disk is divided into 2 lessons and a test.

Practicing with Phrases
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Two disks. Practice in recognizing the four types of phrases: prepositional, infinitive, participle, and gerund. Each disk provides a pretest, a lesson, and a unit test.

Practicing with the Past Tense of Irregular Verbs
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Two disks. Past tense of 36 irregular verbs. Use is also made of adverbs of frequency. Each disk provides a test over all the lessons on that disk.

Prepositional Phrases
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Includes adjectival and adverbial phrases, use and position, phrasal prepositions. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Prepositionals (Dalgish Grammar Programs)
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson

Students choose the correct preposition for each sentence; includes option of typing their own word to determine what preposition goes with it. Designed for ESL.

Preps of Time, Place
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson

Students practice specifically with prepositions of time and place. Designed for ESL.

Question Formation (Dalgish Grammar Programs)
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson

Helps the student learn and practice question formation. Designed for ESL.

Questions Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, catalog

There are three disks dealing with questions. The first disk covers yes/no questions and is appropriate for high beginning and intermediate levels. Disk two deals with tag questions and is for beginning and low intermediate levels. The third disk includes information type questions, to be used with low and high intermediate levels.

Run-On's and Fragments
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Algren

Shows correct methods of joining an introductory dependent clause to main clause and use of the semicolon in joining two independent clauses. Created by ESL teachers for ESL students, each program is set up for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Scrambled Countries Game
Publisher: Concordia University-AV, CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Stevens

A geography-based word and grammar game. The primary purpose of this "game" is to immerse students in a target language environment while focusing their attention away from direct focus on the language itself. Instructions are available in four languages. Once underway, however, the student must work entirely in the target language. The basic game consists of anagrams of the world's countries. As hints, the country's capital city, continent, and language are provided. A variety of synonymous sentences are used so that the student is passively exposed to multiple forms. The package runs in any of four languages: English, French, Spanish, or German. In each case, there are secondary grammar points covered, such as capitalization, use of articles, gender, etc. Not authorable. Shareware.

Sensible Sentence Master
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Students improve their ability to write complete sentences by unscrambling sentence fragments and then doing various sentence activities. Networkable.

Sentence Combining
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Subordinate and coordinate clause structures are randomly created. Students can request one of two types. Students must figure out the correct connector. On Dalgish Grammar disk.

Subject-Verb Agreement (Dalgish ESL Series)
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson
Provides practice in getting the subject and verb to agree in a sentence. Students can practice according to errors most common to speakers of their native language.

Subject-Verb Agreement (Tutor Tapes)
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Tutorials, practice exercises, and tests on subject-verb agreement.

Switchboard
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson
Students arrange words in correct order to create viable sentences. The program has degrees of difficulty ranging from working with just two or three sentences and switching words only up or down within sentence positions, to free-form, where words can be switched anywhere in and among sentences and working with several sentences at the same time. The program has a feature that allows sentences to be added to the answer pool if students create a good sentence that wasn't already in the program's list of acceptable answers. Teachers and students can also create new collections of sentences (and answers) for added relevance.

Tag Questions
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog
Tutorial lesson and a practice drill for understanding tag questions. The practice drill presents sentences using a tag question. The student is asked to determine if the sentences are correct or incorrect.

TOEFL CD-ROM
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog
Covers listening comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary/reading.

TOEFL Mastery
Publisher: ALA
See also Alta
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Special use: TOEFL Prep
Info from: N. Johnson
TOEFL Mastery is a test preparation software package featuring practice exercises and two full-length, timed practice tests following the question formats used in the TOEFL.The program includes a tutorial on how to use the program features, practice exercises, a tutorial on test taking strategies, score reporting and high quality digitized audio for the listening section. Requires CD-ROM drive and audio card.

TOEFL Practice Test
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Info from: Kenner

A set of 30 practice drills modelled on the TOEFL test. This diagnostic test refers students to supplementary readings and exercises contained in a series of standard texts, whose titles are provided. The program is designed so that a novice programmer can easily change the items and produce new exercises.

Using the Colon
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Brief tutorial on using the colon, focusing on lists and the places where the colon is often incorrectly used, such as after prepositions and verbs. There are three parts in this program: the lesson, a practice exercise, and a 15-question test.

Using the Comma
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Three disks. Using the comma in sentences with adverbial clauses, participle and infinitive phrases, and parenthetical words; in compound sentences and series; and with certain adjective clauses and appositives. Includes brief tutorials, lessons, practice exercises, 15-question test.

Using the Semi-Colon
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Brief tutorial on using the semi-colon to join sentences. Situations where the semi-colon is incorrectly used are also noted. There are three parts in this program: the lesson, a practice exercise, and a 15-question test.

Verb Forms (Dalgish Grammar Programs)
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson

Students must choose whether the infinitive or the gerund (-ing) form should be used in a sentence. Designed for ESL.

Verb Phrases
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, catalog

Gives students practice in using verb phrases. Combinations include IN (fill, turn in, fall in) AT (stare at, look at, get at) and also BACK, OVER, DOWN, UP, ON, OFF, and OUT.

TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Verb Tenses
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Dalgish, N. Johnson

Students can practice the different verb tenses. Designed for ESL.

Verbalist
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
See also Higgins, John & Muriel
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins

A verb-forming algorithm which allows learners to build up any verb- phrase that is acceptable in English and to see the inflectional rules used to create it, along with information on help pages concerning transitivity, stative verbs, tenses and aspect.

Verbcon
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
See also Audio Forum
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

Grammar review with explanations and examples from a variety of exercises, including filling in the blanks in paragraphs. Learners can choose the grammar point to practice or can get a paragraph with different types of errors. Sophisticated error routines offer hints based on student responses.

Who, What, Where, When, Why
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Williams

Students read a phrase, then choose the appropriate label. For example, the prompt "My friend Jimmy" should be "who." Drill designed for native speakers.

Yes/No Questions
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog, Algren

Lesson is divided into three types: 1) BE as the main verb, 2) BE as an auxiliary verb, and 3) DO or DOES. The structures of the answers and the questions are compared.

TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

LISTENING

Accelerated English I, II, III, IV
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: N. Johnson

Advanced level multimedia interactive American English programs using combination of "soap opera" approach and current events/issues to maintain user interest. For TOEFL prep. Requires CD-ROM drive, 286 or better PC with 1 MB RAM.

Active English, Part I: Fall; II: Winter; III: Spring; IV: Summer
Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, N. Johnson, Wachman

Intermediate level content-based multimedia interactive programs for building American English comprehension and vocabulary. Students hear a conversation. They can choose to see the text while listening or rely on their listening skills alone. Comprehension questions and a cloze exercise follow each conversation. Content of the conversations follows the experiences of a young foreign businessman coming to America. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Aesop's Fables
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Info from: Higgins

Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Allows reading and hypertext browsing through the complete text of the fables. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

American Civil Rights Movement
Publisher: CEL
See also Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive video, closed-captioned in English and Spanish. Requires a laserdisc player with a computer interface.

Animals, The
Publisher: Mindscape
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Moore

This is a multimedia tour of San Diego Zoo. It includes 80 video clips (small-2 x 3 inches on screen); pictures and information about 200 animals; and information about the areas they live in and a section on endangered animals. We plan to use it as an information source for intermediate academic students. It seems to have been created for primary to secondary school students, but has been popular with adult EFL students. The menu page is a picture of the zoo from above, and you just click on the area you're interested in or choose an animal from a list.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble
Publisher: Broderbund
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N. Johnson

An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Bio Sci II
Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Nystrom Corp.
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax. Available in CD-ROM format.

Bio Sci II Elementary
Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: K-6 (3-6)
Special use: Science, bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax. Available in CD-ROM format.

Boswell English as a Second Language Program, Level I
Publisher: Boswell
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult

This package consists of a specially designed, phonemic keyboard and related instructional software. It directly teaches auditory discrimination and pronunciation of vocabulary while collaterally developing grammar and spelling. The keyboard uses a consonant-vowel-consonant design to provide a kinaesthetic association to the sounds and linear organization of English. More than 2000 words are presented in 32 lessons organized around daily life themes. Each polysyllabic word and sentence used in the lessons is digitally recorded. Students can listen to each word or sentence, record their pronunciation and compare their pronunciation to that of the computer-based model. Lessons include diagrams showing the placement of tongue, lips and teeth as an aide to the development of accurate pronunciation. It includes an on-line illustrated dictionary with definitions aimed at lower intermediate students. The program also includes a record-keeping function to monitor each student's progress through the lessons.

Cinderella
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Community Exploration
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Wachman

A very fine, inexpensive CD about different survival topics.

Creepy Crawlies
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Advanced For: all but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

A multimedia guide to 74 lower order animals. Includes narration in English or French, video clips and full family tree information. Requires an MPC machine with a CD-ROM drive.

Dynamic Classic: A Christmas Carol
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp)

Dramatized retelling of Dickens' classic on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Alice in Wonderland
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp); literacy

Spoken narrative and colorful animation on CD-ROM with language exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Multimedia approach develops listening, reading, and vocabulary skills. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Robin Hood
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap); literacy

Eighteen lessons on CD-ROM with spoken narrative and colorful graphics. Exercises and on-line comprehension aids, including written text, spoken translation, and contextual glossaries. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Round the World in 80 Days
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Japanese)

Colorful graphics and dramatized narration on CD-ROM supported by comprehension and vocabulary exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Special focus on time expressions and verb tenses. Voice recording.

Dynamic English
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning, Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr)
Info from: N. Johnson, McKee

Three-level listening-based course on 6 CD-ROMs. Primary focus is on basic language concepts. In each lesson, information is presented in the form of narratives via sound and graphics with text, glossary, speech record, and repetition always available to the student. Follow-up exercises include Questions generated by the student by clicking on icons or words from the lesson; Matrix Game in which the student accrues points for correctly answering questions using vocabulary presented in the lesson; Dictation exercises requiring the student to listen carefully to a series of sentences from the lesson and select words from a list and place them in the gaps in the sentences; Fill-in exercises where missing words are placed in sentences from the lesson. Grammatical and lexical knowledge is reinforced in all games and exercises along with listening comprehension. An additional feature of the DynEd courseware is the ability of the program to adjust to the level of difficulty of the questions to the student's demonstrated level of proficiency.

Suitable to be used as primary course material, supplemental resource, or self-access material in a language lab (index of lessons lends itself well to self-paced instruction). Dynamic English can also be a valuable tool for ice-breaking or generating conversation as 2-3 students work together to answer the questions.

Folktales Series: Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, & Pecos Bill
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Each book contains two dramatic readings of the text--one by an adult and one by a child narrator, songs in support of the story, highlighting of text as it is read, variable speeds in the reading, access to pronunciation and definitions for key words in the story and a Spanish language translation of the whole story and word by word.

Forces and Motion
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

Students explore the concepts and learn the calculations of force and motion. The program includes interviews with great men of science such as Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton and Elijah McCoy. The lessons incorporate video, digitized audio in either Spanish or English, photographs, music and animation. Requires a CD-ROM drive. This runs under Windows.

Functioning in Business
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Special use: business
Info from: catalog

These interactive videodiscs and CD-ROM's are for pre-intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on language functions such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. The story is presented in full-motion video, supported by color graphics, audio, text and native language translation. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

Getting the Message
Publisher: Eurocentres Zurich
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Audio CD-ROM program for learners of English as a Foreign Language. Practice in taking messages on the telephone. (British English.)

Heather Hits Her First Home Run
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverence and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

I Love You in the Sky, Butterfly
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Nine-unit series includes storytelling videos, teacher support materials, shared storybooks and audio tapes, and activities for parent involvement.

In the Company of Whales
Publisher: Discovery Communications
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

CD-ROM in the Discovery Channel series, a documentary about whales on PC. Plenty of interesting info about the whale, supported by video clips, pictures, text and narration, both visual and sound quality are good. Main menu provides clear structure, very easy navigation. Interactive in the sense that you choose what topic to watch and which expert to listen to.

Interactive Business English

Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Chi, Sp, It), business
Info from: Wachman, McKee

Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills students need to operate successfully in today's workplace/international business situation. This content-based program begins witha Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated "shuffler level" which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge.

Invention: Mastering Sound

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc describing how inventions were created that revolutionized how we communicate at work and at play. Mini-documentaries spotlight such famous inventors as Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison and more. The soundtrack can be played in either Spanish or English. Software-based lessons are optional.

Just Grandma and Me

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources, Wida
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Wachman; STDOT

This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed onscreen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in "play" mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical respones to their mouse clicks.

Listen!

Publisher: Heinemann ELT
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Algren

This two CD set accompanies a book and audio cassette. Materials are designed for beginning and intermediate ESL students, and could be used for remedial work for upper level students. Could be used from elementary through higher education. Ability to record student and play back model and student. Choice of British or American English accent.

Long Hard Day at the Ranch, A

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Written in the form of a letter home, this tale shows how a young boy imagines spending days at his aunt and uncle's ranch, while illustrations show the mundane reality. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Lost Secret, The
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Wachman

BBC English's mystery is presented in full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Available now on videodisc/CD-ROM. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

McGee Series
Publisher: Lawrence Productions
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Designed to encourage exploration and language development. Incorporates animation and digitized sound. Includes McGee, Katie's Farm, and McGee at the Fun Fair.

Mixed Up Mother Goose
Publisher: Sierra On-Line
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger, Jap)
Info from: catalog

Mother Goose nursery rhymes presented in song and speech. Requires students to put them back in correct order.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Night Before Christmas, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish of the famous Christmas poem. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

On Dry Land: The Desert Biome

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc about the deserts. Software can be purchased separately.

Paper Bag Princess, The

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A delightful tale of how a princess learns an important lesson about love when her castle is destroyed by a dragon. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Planet Earth: The Blue Planet

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering the relationship of the earth's oceans to its atmosphere. Students also examine the role that humans play in our changing climate patterns. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English and the video includes closed-captioning. Software can be purchased separately for additional lessons.

Planet Earth: The Force Within

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering such topics as: plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes and the creation of precious minerals. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English. Software can be purchased separately.

Playroom, The
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Early Learning software. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow.

Promise is a Promise, A
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Rosetta Stone, The
Publisher: Fairfield Language Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: McVicker, N. Johnson, Wachman

Comprehensive second language tutorial program. Students see a picture and hear the word/ phrase/sentence with the text optionally turned on or off. After seeing/hearing a set of four the program drills comprehension by presenting the audio cue to which the student selects the appropriate picture. The program includes a listening dictation feature. Students can also record their own voices. This program can be used as a stand alone tutorial for very low level students although they may need some help learning to use the computer interface initially. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Scary Poems for Rotten Kids
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Poems designed to thrill and amuse children using unorthodox style and outlandish vocabulary. The reading speed can be adjusted for ESL students.

Somebody Catch My Homework
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of 18 poems about school life. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Sound Sentences
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy

10 different disk sets on survival topics, purchased separately. Students can see pictures, hear a sentence with digitized speech, and reconstruct the sentence. Requires Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy voice chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster.

Tale of Benjamin Bunny, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Companion story to The Tale of Peter Rabbit, this one tells what happens when Peter and his cousin Benjamin attempt to retrieve Peter's clothes from Mr. McGreggor's garden. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tale of Peter Rabbit, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic children's story about what happens to a child that doesn't obey his mother is presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tell-Tale Heart, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic Edgar Allan Poe story about a murderer and his guilty conscience presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This program features two dramatic readings of the text, analysis of every word in the text according to grammatical part of speech, an on-line commentary on the story with discussion questions and a literary discussion of Poe's techniques.

Thomas' Snowsuit
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

TOEFL CD-ROM
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

Covers listening comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary/reading.

TOEFL Mastery

Publisher: ALA
See also Alta
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Special use: TOEFL Prep
Info from: N. Johnson

TOEFL Mastery is a test preparation software package featuring practice exercises and two full-length, timed practice tests following the question formats used in the TOEFL.The program includes a tutorial on how to use the program features, practice exercises, a tutorial on test taking strategies, score reporting and high quality digitized audio for the listening section. Requires CD-ROM drive and audio card.

Tortoise and the Hare

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Zargon Zoo

Publisher:
See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

An interactive adventure that requires only a low level of English and that is suitable for teenagers and young adults. Runs under Windows.

PRONUNCIATION

American Accent Program 5.0
Publisher: Ford Language Institute
'See also Delta Systems
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: catalog

An ESL pronunciation tutor. This program takes students step-by-step through the pronunciation of all American English sounds. Requires 40MB hard drive, 8MB of memory, and doublespeed CD-ROM. Requires System 7 for Mac. IBM version runs on Windows.

BCM Pronounce It Right
Publisher: BCM Publishers
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: catalog

Interactive laserdisc pronunciation program.

Conversations
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Conversations offers 14 different dialogues in which the student can participate. The program features two speakers, and the student can take the part of either one. Requires microphone and headset and any one of the following sound devices: AniVox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy, or Sound Blaster.

Ellis Master Pronunciation
Publisher: CALI
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive video with dual speed audio. Learners can access vocabulary, cultural notes, grammar lessons, listening exercises, and pronunciation activities. Can also record and play back the user's voice. Requires IBM Ultimedia system.

Firsthand Access
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's *English Firsthand* series, combines an easily recognizable progression of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation points with a variety of interactive exercises to create a multimedia language-learning environment. The course includes over one hundred listening-based activities, using CD-quality sound and animated graphics to engage and motivate students.

Sounds American
Publisher: Speech Communication
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Klopf, Jones

Second language pronunciation practice of sounds in words and sentences, word endings, word stress, and linking. Options include: 1. Listen: 2. Listen, record and compare; 3. Listen and choose which words and phrases are modeled (students' answers scored). Problem sounds listed for each language. Menu options increase in difficulty. Authorable up to two sentence limit. Available with headsets. Designed for self-access.

READING

10 Steps to College Reading Series
Publisher: Townsend Press
Level: Beginning, Intermediate
Info from: McKee **For:** All but K-6

Native-speaker, reading-skills tests available to use with texts of the same name, same publisher, but can be purchased and used without the text. Includes exercises in Dictionary Use, Vocabulary in Context, Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Outlining, Fact and Opinion, Purpose and Tone, Argument, and Recognizing Propaganda Techniques. Multiple choice reading tests with feedback give an explanation of the correct answer only. The Building and Improving skills books are basic and general enough to be useful in preparation for the TOEFL. The Advanced tests can be effectively used in preparation for minimal-essential skills test frequently required of all entering freshmen in public institutions. Not authorable.

Accu-Reading
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: All but HE

Short texts and multiple-choice exercises focus on a specific reading skill. Record-keeping facility; authorable. Networkable.

Ace Detective
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual
Info from: catalog

Students practice critical reading skills organizing information gained from texts and drawing conclusions.

Ace Reporter
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Students read "teletype" messages and conduct "phone interviews" to find answers to Who, What, When, Where and Why questions. Once their stories are complete they select the best headline for the story.

Adult Education
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Functional life skills. Courseware and print materials for Life Skills are available in English and Spanish. DOS - Windows versions.

Aesop's Fables
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Info from: Higgins

Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Allows reading and hypertext browsing through the complete text of the fables. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

AmandaStories
Publisher: Voyager Company
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Two graphic HyperCard adventures containing no text. Students select objects using the pointer, thereby determining the course of the story.

Amazon Trail
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, AE, HE
Info from: Baltra

Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development.

American Civil Rights Movement
Publisher: CEL
See also Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive video, closed-captioned in English and Spanish. Requires a laserdisc player with a computer interface.

Around the World in 80 Days
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Kenner

A fairly simple, somewhat mediocre and dated, text- based adventure game. Players try to travel around the world before the eighty day time limit expires. Full instructions are given at the opening. The program's operation is not overly complex. It could probably be explained and exploited in one or two sessions. 80 DAYS is created using the GAGS:General Adventure Game System, a 1986 shareware product which may still be available. While the GAGS system in its entirety is not provided, more expert users could probably figure out the format of the data files used to present 80 DAYS, and clone them to produce different simple adventures.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble
Publisher: Broderbund
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N. Johnson

An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Beyond Planet Earth
Publisher: Discovery Communications
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

Runs under Windows. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Bilingual Reading Comprehension

Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

A reading comprehension program in Spanish and English that features immediate on-screen translation of stories into either language. It features 36 stories with colorful graphics. The Mac version includes audio capability for students to hear key words translated into either language.

Build Up to Reading

Publisher: Tel Aviv University
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Hebrew)
Info from: Schcolnik

Series of activity generators dealing with specific reading strategies: references, comparison-contrast, cause and effect, etc. Authoring options. We are using this program at Tel Aviv University with the lower level English for Academic Purposes classes. (M.S.)

CALIS Reading Texts

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner; STDOT

Readings with fill-in, ordering, and short answer exercises. The activities were designed using CALIS, an authoring system for CALL developed at Duke University. Only the essential part of CALIS required to run the modules included with the disk. To create their own materials, users will have to order a proper copy of CALIS from Duke University.

CALL for English: Data Disks

Publisher: Wida Software/Eurocentres
See also Athelstan, RDA
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Hurst

Subscription to 5 disks per year of data files to accompany Eurocentres/Wida software: Gapmaster, Choicemaster, Testmaster, Pinpoint, Storyboard, Matchmaster, Textmixer. Full documentation includes source articles.

Cambridge FCE Examination Practice

Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Wida
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Info from: catalog

This offers practice for the reading and usage sections of the Cambridge exam. It has multiple-choice vocabulary and reading comprehension as well as cloze, sentence rewriting, and text reconstruction exercises. Students can work in "Exploratory" (practice) mode, where they can check their answers as they go and see the range of possible answers, or in "Examination" mode, where they must answer all the questions before they can see their score and examine their errors.

Castles

Publisher: Interplay Productions
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Phinney

Simulation allows user to build medieval castles. As the ruler, you must make decisions about taxes, labor, food supply, and design. You must solve problems that the council brings to you. Each problem is presented as a dialog with 3 choices.

Cause and Effect
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Williams

Decide if an underlined phrase is the cause or the effect. Tutorial and drill designed for native speakers.

Cinderella
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Civilization
Publisher: MicroProse
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Rogers

The strength of this program is in the way students must link their own game-playing strategies with the way that inventions and technology might have been discovered and developed: you can't have literature without writing, and you can't have writing without the alphabet; and this applies all the way up to building a space-station. Students obtain knowledge through reading about the developments on screen (the file that creates them can be edited easily if required). One thing that I and a colleague (who used the game in a larger context) agree on is that the most important factor is the recording of information by the students as they play. He also gets them to write a summary of the day's play. I asked mine to copy the screens as they appeared. Effective for group work or individual play.

Before teachers use the program they should run it several times themselves but should be careful as it is addictive. I would also recommend a companion book (currently unavailable in Australia): Wilson, Johnny L. and Alan Emrich. Sid Meier's Civilization: or Rome on 640k a day. Prima Publishing: California, 1992.

Code Breaker
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Gessler
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Eastment

Students develop strategies to break an encoded passage using logic, grammatical categories, and prediction from context.

Cohesive Devices I
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

A multiple-choice exercise based on a series of 12 short reading passages. The student is asked to insert the correct cohesive device, based on the context. Incorrect choices are explained.

Cohesive Devices II
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

Relying on off-line texts, which are provided, this program uses fill-in, short answer, and cloze techniques to elicit responses. Incorrect choices are explained with specific reference to each situation. There are five different activities, which the student can do separately.

Community Exploration
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Wachman

A very fine, inexpensive CD about different survival topics.

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: K-6, Adult
Info from: N. Johnson

This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM. Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.

Writing practice is conducted with the students completing each word of a sentence from the text, where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen, when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise the students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distractors.

Crimelab
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Science (medicine)
Info from: Kenner

Simulates the identification of suspects by doing chemical analysis on blood types. This is a fairly simple program. From the menu, one can see a reading, which sets the scene. There is a fairly involved tutorial on blood types and blood type testing. There is a simulated crimelab, where the user is in control. The CGA graphics are adequate, but quite modest by today's standards. Once the blood is typed (which the player must determine by examining which samples form blood clots from which reagents), then one can proceed to the suspects list and accuse a suspect.

There are no built-in instructions. Teachers would have to become familiar with the game and create a setting and instructions for their students. This simulation might be quite applicable to learners interested in science.

Culture 2.0
Publisher: Cultural Resources
See also Wm.C.Brown, Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

This hypermedia guide to Western civilization offers extensive information with text and graphics for student or teacher use. It works best if loaded onto a hard drive, since it comes on a great many separate disks.

CulturGrams
Publisher: Digital Libraries
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (5:4/1989)

These are readings for the VersaText (hypertext) program about customs in different countries. This is similar to information that comes from the US Department of State—it includes basic information about climate, population, religion, and some cultural do's and dont's.

Developing Critical Thinking Skills for Effective Reading
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Helps students sharpen their critical thinking skills and develop their ability to make inferences. Disks contain short factual readings on four levels. Networkable. Upgraded in '94. Students read selections and answer multiple choice questions based on key words and inferences.

Diagnostic Prescriptive Reading
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog
Series of 36 developmental reading lessons designed to promote mastery of reading skills. Networkable.

Diascriptive Language Arts Development
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog
Six diagnostic tests and 36 progressive development programs for students having difficulty with language arts. Programs are formatted to be used both developmentally and remedially at all grade levels.

Diascriptive Reading I, II, III, IV
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: N. Johnson
An interactive reading tutorial designed for native speakers of English, both children and adults. The program is diagnostic, prescriptive and developmental. The instruction focuses on reading for details, inference, the main idea, vocabulary (synonoyms, multiple meanings, discovering meaning in context), identifying the sequential signals in a text, and distinguishing between fact and opinion. The program includes a glossary with definitions and computer pronunication of the target words. Useful for ESL false beginners and above.

Double Up
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (4:2/1988), Higgins, N. Johnson
Double Up is a learning game designed to give students practice in building correct sentences. The key to success in the game is to make good use of context and grammar clues to determine which words go together. Learners see the words of a very short text arranged as a list in alphabetical order and are challenged to put the words into the correct order, two at a time. Correct pairs are displayed on the screen in proper order until the complete sentence is reconstructed.

Dracula
Publisher: SDJ Enterprises
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Stevens
Students take characters of vampire hunters and attempt to track down Dracula. There are graphics, moves appear simplistic, accomplished by keyboard and number pad. If vampires are motivating for your students, this may give them some reading practice and interaction with each other and with text in English. Not authorable.

Early Games for Young Children
Publisher: Springboard Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: catalog
Nine games help children learn shapes, letters, addition and subtraction, drawing, and typing. IBM version requires CGA and 512K minimum.

Easy as ABC
Publisher: Springboard Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: catalog

Jumping frogs and buzzing bees challenge children as they learn letter recognition, alphabetical sequence, and upper- and lowercase letters. IBM version requires CGA and 512K minimum.

Easy Street
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Builds reading and math readiness skills. Teaches counting, classification and labeling. Optional CD-ROM format for MS-DOS and Macintosh.

Ecology Trek (formerly "Earthquest Explores Ecology")
Publisher: Magic Quest
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr)
Info from: Healey

Interactive games and simulations about environmental issues.

Exploring the Solar System and Beyond
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Exploring the Solar System children blast off on an exciting simulated voyage through our solar system. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows on the IBM.

Folktales Series: Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, & Pecos Bill
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Each book contains two dramatic readings of the text--one by an adult and one by a child narrator, songs in support of the story, highlighting of text as it is read, variable speeds in the reading, access to pronunciation and definitions for key words in the story and a Spanish language translation of the whole story and word by word.

Gapmaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Alta
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Levy; Hurst

A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

HangWord 3.1

Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Stevens

A whole-text deletion program. Developed according to research into its use with students, the program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

Headline

Publisher: CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Higgins

A very useful but extremely simple activity, which we use at the beginning of the year to help learn the names of the class. Each student types in their own name and some basic personal information, such as home town and hobby. Then the computer generates a string of zany newspaper headlines (nothing negative or offensive), and the students can print out any they like. Then they can discuss their headlines, compare them with others, and write the news article which would fit their own headline.

Heather Hits Her First Home Run

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (8 languages)
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverence and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

High Steps to Comprehension

Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: For: 4-9
Special use: Bilingual

An interactive reading program with 48 stories on topics of interest to middle school aged children. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Hopalong

Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Level: Any, Teacher For: All
Info from: Higgins; CJ 3:4 1993

This is a reading pacer and diagnostic tool for readers. It goes through a text, highlighting pages at a speed the reader can control. When the reader is finished, it displays a graph to show the way the text has been read. The reader can print the complete text with inserted marks to show where the reader sped up, slowed down, paused, or re-read a page or pages. The goal is to assist students in understanding their bad (and good) habits, not to replace reading on paper.

The program as it now stands has few texts, but the author would be happy to have the assistance of others in adding texts to the program.

How to Read for Everyday Living

Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult

Tutorial/drill and games testing survival vocabulary. Suitable for adult ESL students.

I Love You in the Sky, Butterfly

Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Nine-unit series includes storytelling videos, teacher support materials, shared storybooks and audio tapes, and activities for parent involvement.

In the Company of Whales

Publisher: Discovery Communications
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

CD-ROM in the Discovery Channel series, a documentary about whales on PC. Plenty of interesting info about the whale, supported by video clips, pictures, text and narration; both visual and sound quality are good. Main menu provides clear structure, very easy navigation. Interactive in the sense that you choose what topic to watch and which expert to listen to.

Invention: Mastering Sound

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc describing how inventions were created that revolutionized how we communicate at work and at play. Mini-documentaries spotlight such famous inventors as Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison and more. The soundtrack can be played in either Spanish or English. Software-based lessons are optional.

Just Grandma and Me

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources, Wida
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Wachman; STDOT

This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed onscreen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in "play" mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical respones to their mouse clicks.

Kid Works 2 Bilingual

Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual, literacy
Info from: catalog

Allows children to create and illustrate their own stories which can be read back to them by the computer in English or Spanish. The program includes four components: Story Writer, Icon Maker, Story Illustrator, and Story Player. The built-in speech dictionary can be modified and additional words can be entered. Graphics can also be imported from other paint programs. This software can be used as a tool in language experience approach lessons.

Language Experience Activities
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
Level: Beginning For: Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: catalog

Supplement to Project Star. Talking word processor. Requires speech card.

Language Experience Recorder
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources, Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: literacy
Info from: STDOT

A specialized word processing program with simple graphics and speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis. This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading. Needs a sound card.

Learning the Alphabet Order
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

This drill gives the student practice in knowing the order of the alphabet. The student supplies the missing letter in a group of three letters that are shown in correct sequence.

Let's Go
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Beginning For: All

Students follow on-screen instructions to different places around town in a chutes-and-ladders game format. The objective is to travel to specific places on the map as prompted by the program and correctly answer questions about the location of the place and about culture. The program was designed for ESL.

Long Hard Day at the Ranch, A
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Written in the form of a letter home, this tale shows how a young boy imagines spending days at his aunt and uncle's ranch, while illustrations show the mundane reality. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Lost Secret, The
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Wachman

BBC English's mystery is presented in full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Available now on videodisc/CD-ROM. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

M-ss-ng L-nks: English Editor

Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Text reconstruction program. The program can be set to delete the text in a number of different ways: all the vowels, all the consonants, every other word, all but the first letter of each word, all but the first word of each sentence, and everything. Authorable. Useful in a language experience approach and as a beginning writing task.

Milliken Storyteller I

Publisher: Milliken Publishing
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Three children's classics are read aloud, and children can interact with the characters and illustrations.

Mixed Up Mother Goose

Publisher: Sierra On-Line
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger, Jap)
Info from: catalog

Mother Goose nursery rhymes presented in song and speech. Requires students to put them back in correct order.

Monster

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Healey

Monster is a story completion program. Learners are prompted for words or phrases that fit a category or fill in a blank, such as "Name of your monster," "size," or "with ____ legs." What makes this program interesting and different is that it offers suggestions that a learner can read by pressing F1. For example, for "isn't very ____" the suggestions include "Any adjective at all, nice or nasty: bright, cuddly, ugly, greedy ... ; an adjective phrase: keen on music, interested in football, ..." etc. Learners can't just click on a phrase to have it entered for them; they need to remember what to type or think of their own phrase and type it in. When the students are done, the program generates a monster story that can be read on screen or printed out.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Navajo Vacation: Living in Two Worlds, A
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Grades 3-7 multicultural interest. Interactive story. Students respond to questions and write their thoughts.

Night Before Christmas, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish of the famous Christmas poem. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Oddmill
Publisher: Softmill of Finland
See also Wida
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Fr, Sp, Ger)

Learners have to find the "odd man out" in a group of four words. They then have to complete a sentence to show they understand why their answer is correct. A French, Spanish, or German dictionary is also available online.

On Dry Land: The Desert Biome
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc about the deserts. Software can be purchased separately.

Paper Bag Princess, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A delightful tale of how a princess learns an important lesson about love when her castle is destroyed by a dragon. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

People Behind the Holidays

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In People Behind the Holidays children explore the real lives of the people we celebrate who helped to shape America. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows.

Pinpoint Version 2.0

Publisher: Wida Software
See also Alta, Athelstan, Eurocentres
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Carrier, Levy, Eastment

This authoring package is designed to help students to read more adventurously and sharpen their prediction and inference skills. The program invites learners to guess the subject of a masked out text, choosing from half a dozen possible titles. At the start just one random word is on view, but the viewing window is widened two words at a time until you see enough to make an intelligent guess. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0.

Planet Earth: The Blue Planet

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering the relationship of the earth's oceans to its atmosphere. Students also examine the role that humans play in our changing climate patterns. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English and the video includes closed-captioning. Software can be purchased separately for additional lessons.

Planet Earth: The Force Within

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering such topics as: plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes and the creation of precious minerals. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English. Software can be purchased separately.

Playroom, The

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Early Learning software. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow.

Poem

Publisher: Walnut Creek CDROM
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins

Presents a randomly chosen poem from a database of 150 pieces of verse.

Primary Steps to Comprehension
Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual (8 languages)
Info from: catalog

An interactive reading program with 36 original stories written at 6 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Promise is a Promise, A
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Puzzler, The
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Reading strategy activity developing the skills of predicting, confirming and revising. Students read the beginning of a story and then choose one of several predictions about what will happen next. As they read and repeat this procedure, students learn that some predictions are no longer possible, so new ones must be identified. Each story has more than one solution. This program is best used under teacher supervision as a class activity.

Rascal Takes a Ride to the Market
Publisher: BINET
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, literacy, elementary

An interactive bilingual program with English and Spanish on the same disk. Level 1 starts with letter recognition and initial letter sounds. Level 2 works on word recognition; associating words with pictures. Level 3 expands what was done in Levels 1 and 2.

Read 'N Roll
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: CJ (2:2/1991), Baltra, N. Johnson

Reading exercises designed for native speakers at the 3rd-6th grade level. Specific skills focused on include identifying the main idea, recognizing facts/details, sequencing events, making inferences, and identifying key vocabulary words in sentences. Students (or teachers) can choose specific skills to focus on. The program includes a game that reinforces key vocabulary.

Read-A-Logo
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: catalog

Non-readers start by recognizing familiar logos, going on to reading them in a story. Sequenced activities. Only package 3 in IBM format. No longer available in Mac.

Reading Adventure 1 - ESL
Publisher: Queue, Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: K-9
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive fiction program with stories written at second to third grade reading levels. Students choose the story line and earn points as they practice reading comprehension. Instructions and explanations are in Spanish. Wrong answers branch to an explanation of the correct answer.

Reading Adventure 2 - ESL
Publisher: Queue, Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: K-9
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive fiction program with stories written at fourth to fifth grade reading levels. Students choose the story line and earn points as they practice reading comprehension. Instructions and explanations are in Spanish. Wrong answers branch to an explanation of the correct answer.

Reading and Me
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Teaches likenesses and differences, categorization, alphabet, beginning and ending sounds, and simple words.

Reading Critically
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

The program sharpens students' inference skills and develops their ability to read critically. Students answer questions in their own words. Networkable.

Reading for English series
Publisher: Oxford University Press
Level: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Each title in this series presents exercises of different kinds based on one of the Streamline Graded Readers. Activities include a dictionary look-up of words in the text, true-false and compehension questions, and sequencing, gap-filling, and cloze exercises. The series consists of *The Locked Room* (Level 1), *The Eyes of Montezuma* (Level 2), *Lifelines* (Level 3), and *Space Affair* (Level 4). The readings can be purchased as a unit, as well, in the Library package. Each disk comes with a paper copy of the Graded Reader upon which it is based.

Reading for Information I: Non-Verbal Communication
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Info from: Kenner

A comprehensive reading exercise where the student is trained to read dense text for specific information. The student must learn to ask relevant questions and must fill in an outline. To elicit information, the student chooses questions to pose in sections of the text. All questions are interesting, but only a few are relevant to the points covered in the outline.

Reading for Information II: Heart and Personality
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Info from: Kenner

A comprehensive reading exercise where the student is trained to read dense text for specific information. The student must learn to ask relevant questions and must fill in an outline. To elicit information, the student chooses questions to pose on sections of the text. All questions are interesting, but only a few are relevant to the points covered in the outline.

Reading Magic Library
Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Interactive storybooks let teacher and student step into the shoes of loveable heroes, choosing what will happen next.

Reading Non-Fiction Critically
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Particularly helpful for developing better reading skills in social studies. Same format as Reading Critically. Networkable.

Reading Skills for Daily Living, Sets 1,2,3
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult, HE

Readings and comprehension questions. Clues provided if the student chooses the wrong answer. Authorable. Record-keeping for 42 students. Networkable.

Rhubarb 3.0
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Whole-text reconstruction program. Students reconstruct the text one word at a time. Every place a word occurs is revealed when the student enters that word. The program can be played by pairs of students competing against each other or in competition against the computer. Authorable. Teachers can enter reading texts or transcriptions of listening exercises so that students will be reconstructing a text on the computer that they have already encountered in a different mode.

Rhyming Families 1, 2 (formerly Word Families II)
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary

Helps beginning readers discriminate between new words and nonsense words. Provides practice using new words in meaningful sentences.

Scary Poems for Rotten Kids
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Poems designed to thrill and amuse children using unorthodox style and outlandish vocabulary. The reading speed can be adjusted for ESL students.

Seasons
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Seasons children experience the wonder of nature as they watch each season unfold. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows.

Seen: Tutorials for Critical Reading
Publisher: Conduit
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Info from: Dalgish, catalog

A set of tutorials designed to develop analytical thinking and critical reading skills. Using a set of question prompts, the tutorials enable students to organize and outline their ideas. When used in conjunction with the BBS option, students have the opportunity for peer review and collaboration.

Seesaw
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins

Logic puzzles in which learners have to read carefully and think about a set of clues in order to work out missing information on a diagram. The program can be used on screen or will create paper puzzles.

Sequitur
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan, Higgins
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins, Taylor, Bradin

Students practice arranging sentences of a paragraph in correct order. The computer presents the first line of a text and three possible continuations. Authorable. Teachers can enter texts into the program that students have worked with in class for students to practice on in computer mode.

Sherlock Holmes, Consulting Detective, V. III
Publisher: ICOM Simulations
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

The third of a series of whodunits to solve, this is a challenging puzzle for advanced learners. Stories are based on Sherlock Holmes adventures and students can use many different types of clues to try to solve the mysteries. The CD offers audio conversations to listen to, newspapers to read, and a wealth of other information—if students know where to look for it. A cluebook is also included. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Somebody Catch My Homework
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of 18 poems about school life. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Sortset
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Jones; Bradin
Puts words with others in the same category. Learners must correctly place the target word in one of three columns before time runs out. Especially useful for vocabulary or pronunciation and spelling.

Speed Reader
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin, Healey
This native speaker speed reading program includes letter and word recognition, eye movement and column reading exercises, as well as various readings-- including ones about improving reading speed. Data disks at different grade levels are also available, but nothing ESL-specific. Texts can be added by using the authoring component (not simply by using a word-processed file).

Steps to Comprehension
Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
An interactive reading program with 90 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Stop, Look and Listen
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: Adult
Special use: Immigrant literacy
Info from: catalog
Skills development of visual discrimination, upper and lower case letter, numbers and time. Requires microphone, headset and any one of the following sound devices: Ani-Vox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy or Sound Blaster.

Storyboard
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT
Whole-text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is MUCH shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Super Cloze 5.1
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Stevens; STDOT
This works with any plain text (ASCII) file to generate on-line clozes. Deletions can occur on every nth word (n=2 to 9), on words marked for deletion, according to word lists, or according to the c-test formula. Developed according to research into its use with students, the program is easily implemented. It can be run from within a single subdirectory, off texts on disks, or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

Tale of Benjamin Bunny, The

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Companion story to The Tale of Peter Rabbit, this one tells what happens when Peter and his cousin Benjamin attempt to retrieve Peter's clothes from Mr. McGreggor's garden. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tale of Peter Rabbit, The

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic children's story about what happens to a child that doesn't obey his mother is presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tell-Tale Heart, The

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic Edgar Allan Poe story about a murderer and his guilty conscience presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This program features two dramatic readings of the text, analysis of every word in the text according to grammatical part of speech, an on-line commentary on the story with discussion questions and a literary discussion of Poe's techniques.

Text Comprehension

Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992

A program for testing reading comprehension of texts. It has multiple-choice, open-ended, and cloze formats. Authorable.

Text Opinion

Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992

A text based opinion analysis program in which a number of statements have been highlighted in the text. Students are asked whether these highlighted statements reflect the writer's opinion. Authorable.

Text Prediction

Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992

A prediction tool for improving student comprehension. Students are asked to predict the contents of texts based on their titles. Authoring capability.

Text Summary
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank; CJ 3:4 1992

A reading comprehension program designed to give students practice in identifying the main idea of an extensive text. Authoring capability.

Text Tanglers 2.3
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Delta
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Stevens, Bradin, Jones

A suite of text manipulation programs comprising jumbled sentence, jumbled paragraph, cloze, hangman, and cryptogram templates. The program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

Textplay
Publisher: Wida Software
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Moore

3 programs: Context (cloze); Hotline (rearrange jumbled lines of a text); and Space Out (put in punctuation and spacing). Texts can't be imported from word, but there should be a number of texts available through CELIA. Authorable.

TextScramble
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank

An offshoot of one of the exercises in *Text Prediction* for lower level students.

Textword
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE

A text-based program for reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment using context clues to arrive at the meanings of unknown words. Target users are students who need to read academic texts in English. Authoring only; no support materials at present.

Thomas' Snowsuit
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

TOEFL CD-ROM
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

Covers listening comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary/reading.

TOEFL Mastery

Publisher: ALA
See also Alta
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Special use: TOEFL Prep
Info from: N. Johnson

TOEFL Mastery is a test preparation software package featuring practice exercises and two full-length, timed practice tests following the question formats used in the TOEFL.The program includes a tutorial on how to use the program features, practice exercises, a tutorial on test taking strategies, score reporting and high quality digitized audio for the listening section. Requires CD-ROM drive and audio card.

TOEFL Practice Test

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Info from: Kenner

A set of 30 practice drills modelled on the TOEFL test. This diagnostic test refers students to supplementary readings and exercises contained in a series of standard texts, whose titles are provided. The program is designed so that a novice programmer can easily change the items and produce new exercises.

Tortoise and the Hare

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Transitional English Reading Software Series

Publisher: BINET
Level: Beginning For: All but HE

Five disks designed to reinforce activities taught to students making the transition from native language reading to English. Designed for independent practice in comprehension, vocabulary, sentence building, syllabication, and phonics.

Transport Tycoon

Publisher: MicroProse
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: business
Info from: Rogers

The player manages a transport company set up in 1930 with currency in an undeveloped country area, using road, rail, air or water transport--separately or combined. As the transport infrastructure grows, so the villages and the areas around them grow too. The skillful manager must transport the goods to where they are needed and the people to where they want to go. To succeed, the player must put vehicles in the right place at the right time.

This game is a delight. Like the best games, it is addictive. The minimum speed needed is a 386 running at 25 MHz, with a 486 as a recommended minimum. The minimum memory required is 4 Mb, but even here there may be difficulties, as without 2.5 Mb of extended or expanded memory it will refuse to run.

Urban Reader

Publisher: Educational Publishing Concepts
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual
Info from: catalog

An interactive reading program with 48 original stories written at 11 different reading levels.Story topics include: The Olympic Games, Alcohol and Driving, Street Games, and more. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

VersaText Reading Development Program
Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp.
See also Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (4:2/1988); Bradin

These are computer-based reading lessons. Texts come with explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, timed and paced reading exercises, true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. Lesson topics available include lifestyles, newspaper articles, fables and short stories.

Viewbooks
Publisher: Information Education
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE

Textbooks in electronic form - these are best for high-proficiency learners. Viewbooks include works of Shakespeare and books on geography, sociology, history, economics.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource
Publisher: Texas Caviar
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. This runs under Windows.

We the People
Publisher: Walnut Creek CDROM
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins

Allows searching and browsing through a set of political and constitutional documents.

Writing, Reading and Thinking Lab
Publisher: Wasatch Education Systems
Level: Beginning For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Five computer-based tools to facilitate the writing process. A Word Processor with a built-in spell checker, a Map Planner used in assisting students in identifying the audience and purpose of a writing task, an Idea Organizer used for clustering, brainstorming and semantic mapping, a Story Mapper which helps students focus on the elements of a story (characters, setting, plot and theme) and a Sequence Builder useful for planning, outlining and organizing work. The program incorporates both English and Spanish and runs under DOS or Windows.

REFERENCE

American Heritage Dictionary

Publisher: WordStar International
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

Nice implementation of a standard college dictionary of American English. This wasn't written for non-native speakers, and it's almost totally lacking in examples of usage, but it's certainly useful as a teacher's reference tool. It comes with a thesaurus and a "cultural literacy" dictionary and can be used as a spell checker for any text. A CD-ROM edition is available which contains pronunciations of all entries along with definitions.

Cinemania '94

Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Intermediate For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Leuschner, Bradin

This CD-ROM is a interactive database of 19,000+ movie titles. It includes Quicktime clips from actual films, reviews, cinematographic descriptions, biographies and photographs of actors, summaries of plots, Academy Award lists, and a wealth of other information. All the data is easily searchable in several ways and connected with hypertext links. Of particular utility in language learning are the audio segments of dialog from many films; learners can read the accompanying text, but they cannot listen and read the text at the same time. Intended for use in a content-based course on film for University-level ESL students.

Collins On-Line Dictionaries

Publisher: Harper/Collins
See also CALI
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Higgins; Williamson; Olsen

Can be searched on line for the meanings of single words or to retrieve sets of words which meet some criterion, such as all words which have to do with horses, or all English words derived from Bahasa Malaysia. It can read words that you've already written, or look up new words, and with the appropriate supplemental dictionaries, can offer translations. Does not include nearly so much information as the print COBUILD.
Spanish-English-Spanish; French-English-French; German-English-German; Italian-English-Italian online dictionaries.

Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia-'94

Publisher: Compton's New Media
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

A CD-ROM based encyclopedia, which is notable for its ease of navigation and quality of articles, which are written at 10th grade reading level. Its multimedia elements are somewhat uneven--the charts and photos are excellent comprehension aids, the digital movies and sounds aren't as helpful. Good introduction to research skills, even for lower proficiency students.

ENCARTA 1994--The Complete Multimedia Encyclopedia

Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-3
Info from: Milton, Magoto

For students doing English for Academic Purposes, this is the best of the CD-ROM encyclopedias. It covers more topics and in a more sophisticated way than others I'm familiar with. Its interface isn't quite as good as Compton's, and its multimedia content isn't as extensive as Grolier's but the overall contents, especially the digital videos, are more thoughtfully arranged (J.Magoto).

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
Publisher: Grolier Electronic Publishing
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Leuschner

Another CD-ROM based encyclopedia. This includes graphics, sound, and a variety of search and navigational devices to enhance the text.

Library of the Future, The
Publisher: World Library
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Leuschner, catalog

Requires CD-ROM drive. Over 3,500 complete and unabridged books, stories, plays, poems, religious and historical documents and children's classics from over 1,750 titles. It has the advantage that you can easily download a text onto disk if you want to do something with it.

Longman Dictionary of American English
Publisher: Exceller Software
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: L. Johnson, Algren, Magoto; CJ 5:3 1994

LDAE has over 38,000 definitions, which have been especially written for an ESL audience. The program is well designed, the screens are clear and easy to use, and the program can be used inside other applications. Incorporating all the features of the Longman Dictionary, it is also useful as a grammar learning tool--a study notes option lets students review or clarify basic grammar and usage concepts. The Macintosh version of LDAE makes use of Apple's PlainTalk Text-to-Speech software.

Microsoft Art Gallery
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Leuschner

This has the London National Gallery collections on CD-ROM. Learners can search for specific images and get background information about different works of art.

Oxford Reference Shelf
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Lee

Includes specialised "shelves" such as the Writer's Shelf, the Business Shelf, etc. Each "Shelf" contains several Oxford reference books. Provides all functions common to most electronic dictionaries such as searching, cross-referencing, etc, but it does not talk. To look up a reference when working on a word processor, user has either to switch program on Windows or to use the USE CLIPBOARD function that looks up a word automatically as soon as it is copied onto the clipboard.

Random House Webster's Dictionary and Thesaurus
Publisher: Random House Reference and Electronic Publishing
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton, Nicoll, catalog

Contains over 180,000 definitions linked to 275,000 synonyms. It can be accessed from within a word processor or other applications. There are three search features: 1) Definitions Search, which uses Boolean operators to find a word that corresponds to a specific meaning 2)Wildcard Search, which looks for all words containing certain letter patterns, and 3)Anagram Search, which gives users the various words that can be created from reaaranging letters of a given word.

Random House Webster's School and Office Dictionary
Publisher: Word Perfect Corp.
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

This runs on Windows.

Street Atlas USA
Publisher: Delorme
See also MacConnection
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Leuschner

Requires CD-ROM drive. You can look at the US using various zooms, down to street level.

Time Almanac Reference Edition-1993
Publisher: Time Warner Interactive
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto, Leuschner

On CD-ROM. A compendium of articles, pictures, and movies from the year 1993, as well as other significant periods in U.S. history. The program has an excellent interface and provides many ways to search its rich contents. Advanced students enjoy how easy it is to find and access authentic sources.

World Fact Book
Publisher: Wayzata
See also EduCorp
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

CD version of the CIA'a atlas-like publication about every country in the world. No secrets here, though, just the facts: population, economy, geography, religion, etc. This resource is also now on the Internet's World Wide Web: http://www.ic.gov/94fact.

SPEAKING

Conversations
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Conversations offers 14 different dialogues in which the student can participate. The program features two speakers, and the student can take the part of either one. Requires microphone and headset and any one of the following sound devices: AniVox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy, or Sound Blaster.

ESL Companion
Publisher: Creative Pursuits
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

Designed to be used with the Children's Writing and Publishing Center software these lessons focus on using oral language as the starting point for writing activities to supply a natural approach to second language acquisition. Lesson topics include: language arts, health, science, history, geography, and everyday life situations. Features a comprehensive teacher's manual and student activities including patterns for making maps, model cities, game boards and more.

Functioning in Business
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Special use: business
Info from: catalog

These interactive videodiscs and CD-ROM's are for pre-intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on language functions such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. The story is presented in full-motion video, supported by color graphics, audio, text and native language translation. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

Idiom Demons
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Presents same material as ESL Demons in dialog format. Networkable.

Lost Secret, The
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Wachman

BBC English's mystery is presented in full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Available now on videodisc/CD-ROM. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

VOCABULARY

7000 Synonyms
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

Self-tutorial vocabulary builder for all standardized tests.

CALL English Library Disks
Publisher: Thomas Nelson ELT
See also Eurocentres
Level: Beginning For: All

A series of motivating and challenging disks: grammar, vocabulary, functional language, business language, exam preparation.

CALL for English: Data Disks
Publisher: Wida Software/Eurocentres
See also Athelstan, RDA
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Hurst

Subscription to 5 disks per year of data files to accompany Eurocentres/Wida software: Gapmaster, Choicemaster, Testmaster, Pinpoint, Storyboard, Matchmaster, Textmixer. Full documentation includes source articles.

Cat 'N Mouse
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Teaches picture/word associations including homonyms and antonyms. MS-DOS version is Touch Window-compatible.

Community Exploration
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Wachman

A very fine, inexpensive CD about different survival topics.

Computer-based Placement & Grading Test for English as a Foreign Language
Publisher: Eurocentres Zurich
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Newson

This is a yes/no computer-based placement test for English that uses vocabulary to assess the learner's proficiency level.

Context
Publisher: Johns, Tim
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins

Presents vocabulary exercises based on concordance data.

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: K-6, Adult
Info from: N. Johnson

This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM. Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.

Writing practice is conducted with the students completing each word of a sentence from the text, where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen, when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise the students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distracters.

Crossword and Word Search Wizard

Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog; Heeren

Teachers can create both crosswords and word searches with clues. It is easy to use but the best thing is that you can put the crossword puzzles on the computer for students to solve. You create the crosswords and wordsearches with a single entry. There are various options for printing. Networkable.

Crossword Compiler for Windows ver. 1.5 1994

Publisher: Simtel
Level: Advanced For: all
Info from: Bowers

It's VERY easy to use. Available via FTP: oak.oakland.edu /SimTel/msdos/windows3/ as ccwin15.zip.

Crossword Creator

Publisher: PC Help-Line
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Tillyer

Crossword puzzle maker. Puzzles can be printed out or used online. Instructions in French, Spanish, German.

Crossword Magic

Publisher: Mindscape
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Stevens

Users input words and descriptions, and the program creates crosswords from these, which are printed and copied for students to solve. Printing is not easy to configure, but teachers who can print like this program very much. Authorable.

Crossword Mill

Publisher: Softmill of Finland
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Fr, Sp, Ger)

Puzzles come from a database of 600 words. Clues are at one of four levels of difficulty. A French, Spanish, or German dictionary is also available online.

Do You Want to Bet

Publisher: Tango
See also Delta Systems
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A question and answer game with the interesting feature of allowing students to bet on their degree of confidence that their answer is correct. Can be played by individuals or up to four students at a time. An authoring menu allows teachers to create new games based on classroom materials.

Dracula
Publisher: SDJ Enterprises
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Stevens

Students take characters of vampire hunters and attempt to track down Dracula. There are graphics, moves appear simplistic, accomplished by keyboard and number pad. If vampires are motivating for your students, this may give them some reading practice and interaction with each other and with text in English. Not authorable.

Dropin
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also Wida
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: catalog, Higgins

Word-puzzle generator with authored words. Puts a short message into a grid, pushing all the letters randomly to the top of the grid. Letters have to be "dropped" to the right row until the message makes sense.

Dynamic Classic: A Christmas Carol
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp)

Dramatized retelling of Dickens' classic on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Alice in Wonderland
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp); literacy

Spoken narrative and colorful animation on CD-ROM with language exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Multimedia approach develops listening, reading, and vocabulary skills. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Robin Hood
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap); literacy

Eighteen lessons on CD-ROM with spoken narrative and colorful graphics. Exercises and on-line comprehension aids, including written text, spoken translation, and contextual glossaries. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Round the World in 80 Days
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Japanese)

Colorful graphics and dramatized narration on CD-ROM supported by comprehension and vocabulary exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Special focus on time expressions and verb tenses. Voice recording.

Dynamic English
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr)
Info from: N. Johnson

Three-level listening-based course on 6 CD-ROMs. Primary focus is on basic language concepts. In each lesson, information is presented via sound and graphics with text, glossary, speech record, and repetition always available to the student. Follow-up exercises include Questions generated by the student by clicking on icons or words from the lesson; Matrix Game in which the student accrues points for correctly answering questions using vocabulary presented in the lesson; Dictation exercises requiring the student to listen carefully to a series of sentences from the lesson and select words from a list and place them in the gaps in the sentences; Fill-in exercises where missing words are placed in sentences from the lesson. Grammatical and lexical knowledge is reinforced in all games and exercises along with listening comprehension. An additional feature of the DynEd courseware is the ability of the program to adjust to the level of difficulty of the questions to the student's demonstrated level of proficiency.

Suitable to be used as primary course material, supplemental resource, or self-access material in a language lab (index of lessons lends itself well to self-paced instruction). Dynamic English can also be a valuable tool for ice-breaking or generating conversation as 2-3 students work together to answer the questions.

Early Games for Young Children

Publisher: Springboard Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: catalog

Nine games help children learn shapes, letters, addition and subtraction, drawing, and typing. IBM version requires CGA and 512K minimum.

Electronic Student Cobuild Dictionary

Publisher: Collins
See also Delta Systems
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A computer-based version of the regular Collins Student Cobuild Dictionary that can be accessed from within any word processing program. Students can highlight a word either in a reading assignment entered by the teacher or while word processing and jump immediately into the dictionary to check its meaning or spelling.

English Vocabulary: Comparison/Going Places/Home/Location (Prepositions)

Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

A talking head introduces the concept, eg. opposites. The student can see the text of the explanation while hearing it again if that is needed or desired. Students expand and confirm their understanding by choosing pictures to hear more opposites, eg. happy/sad, fat/thin, or other vocabulary depending on the topic. The lesson then moves on to explain the use and forms of comparatives in the case of the opposites disk. The final activity places the vocabulary in real world contexts. Useful for false beginners or intermediate level students as a review of vocabulary forms and usage. Requires CD-ROM drive.

English Vocabulary: School & Work/Shopping

Publisher: Courseware Publishing International
Level: Beginning For: All

A talking head introduces the topic. The student can see the text of the explanation while hearing it again if that is needed or desired. Students expand and confirm their understanding by choosing pictures to hear more vocabulary. The final activity places the vocabulary in real world contexts. Useful for false beginners or intermediate level students newly placed in one of these settings. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Exploring the Solar System and Beyond

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Exploring the Solar System children blast off on an exciting simulated voyage through our solar system. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows.

Facemaker Golden Edition
Publisher: Queue Inc.
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6, Adult
Info from: Taylor
Vocabulary of face parts, actions, descriptions.

Fay's Word Rally
Publisher: Didatech Software
Level: For: All
Info from: Jabaji
A vocabulary building program that helps to increase the students' understanding of how words relate to each other. Students are presented with a maze in which nine target words and a car appear. A clue appears at the bottom of the screen and students search the maze for the word targeted by the clue, drive the car with the aid of the arrow keys and crash into the target word. Students continue smashing the target words in the same way until they all disappear from the screen. Program contains 720 words, clues and pictures. It also includes an authoring system allowing instructors to write new words and clues. No keyboarding skill is required by students. Specifically designed for children but may be used with ESL adult learners.

Fillmill
Publisher: Softmill of Finland
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Fr, Sp, Ger)
Learners use context to fill in the blanks. An optional French, German, or Spanish dictionary is also available for use online.

First 50 Phrasal Verbs
Publisher: Independent Software
See also Wida
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Hurst
Two-disk English language tutorial and testing program deals with 50 phrasal verbs derived from break, do, get, give, go, look, make, put, and take.

Firsthand Access
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog
This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's *English Firsthand* series, combines an easily recognizable progression of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation points with a variety of interactive exercises to create a multimedia language-learning environment. The course includes over one hundred listening-based activities, using CD-quality sound and animated graphics to engage and motivate students.

Game Show, The
Publisher: Advanced Ideas
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Stevens, N. Johnson, Baltra
Vocabulary drill like the popular Password game. An animated computer partner gives clues and the student tries to guess the target word. Two students or two teams of students can play in competition against each other. For each additional clue required to guess the word fewer points are awarded. Authorable.

Groundwork for a Better Vocabulary
Publisher: Townsend Press
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, HE
Info from: Wachman
Designed as a vocabulary development tool for native English speaking college students. The software consists of a series of 30 "Skill Tests" designed to test students' knowledge of vocabulary from stories in a textbook by the same

title. Users are given test words (ALL CAPS) in sentences. They are to select a synonym from three choices given. Immediate feedback includes sentences to exemplify and clarify meaning. Correct answers and explanations are given after each correct or incorrect user choice; incorrect items reappear later in the test. A running score appears at the bottom of each screen and is explained at the end of each test. Vocabulary and syntax make this a high-intermediate to advanced level program. Some students enjoy using this software in our lab even though we are not using the text in any class at this time.

Hangman in Context 4.5

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Stevens, Kenner

The familiar hangman game is enhanced by allowing the target word to be placed in the context of the text from which it is taken. Developed according to research into its use with students, the program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts. Unlike other implementations of Hangman, HMIC allows students to gradually see the context from the text where the word appears, character by character, as needed (in exchange for points). In addition, it has been configured to help students a little (but not too much. For example, it allows hints, but only up to a limit.) Teacher authorable.

HangWord 3.1

Publisher: Stevens, Vance and Steve Millmore
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Stevens

A whole-text deletion program. Developed according to research into its use with students, the program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

Language Discovery

Publisher: Applied Optical Media
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Info from: catalog

A multilingual picture dictionary encompassing 1000 words. Each word is pronounced by a digitized recording of a native speaker, a picture of the word is shown, and it is used in context in an everday situation. This requires an MPC machine and a CD-ROM drive.

Linemill

Publisher: Softmill of Finland
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (French, Spanish, German)

Sentences are taken from a large database and split into grammatically-correct but semantically nonsensical sentences. Learners have to unscramble the sentences. A French, Spanish, or German dictionary is also available online.

Longman Interactive English Dictionary

Publisher: Longman Group Ltd.
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: catalog

CD-ROM-based multimedia dictionary. Includes sound, graphic images.

MicroConcord
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Stevens, Higgins; CJ 5:1 1994; STDOT

A versatile and fast concordancer, very professionally done. It works on huge text files and produces concordance output on screen which can be manipulated in numerous ways (e.g. sorted by 1 to n words to right or left of target, source text can be accessed, non-productive items ejected, printing to file, etc.). Comes with an excellent manual explaining many uses of concordancers. The optional corpora are separated into business, science, humanities, etc. texts, generally taken from British newspapers.

MicroConcord Corpus Collections
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Higgins

Microconcord allows you to search large text libraries for all occurrences of a word, which is an excellent way of dealing with many questions that arise out of corrections of written work, such as "What is the difference between first and at first?" or "..I don't care and I don't mind?"

Collection A taken from 'The Independent' newspaper; Collection B taken from OUP publications.

Multimedia Flash Cards
Publisher: EuroTalk
See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

A computer-based flash card system designed to teach English as a second language to children. Features several games for learning the vocabulary and the capability for students to listen to digitally recorded pronunciations of each word and also to record their own voices.

Oxford Dictionary
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE

All 20 volumes on one compact disc. Requires CD-ROM drive.

Parlance: Vocabulary
Publisher: Parlance Software
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Contains180 lessons covering the 5,242 most common words in English. Each entry contains a dictionary definition and an example sentence. Exercise types include matching the word to the definition and multiple choice sentence completion.

People Behind the Holidays
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In People Behind the Holidays children explore the real lives of the people we celebrate who helped to shape America. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows.

Quick Talk
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy

5 different disk sets, purchased separately: Body Parts, Your Body and Health, Supermarket, House and Family, and School - vocabulary with digitized speech, graphics, and text. Requires Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy voice chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster.

Race the Clock
Publisher: Mindplay
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Info from: N. Johnson

Students race against a clock to complete a Concentration type game. Matches can be pictures of activities with corresponding words, picture to picture, or word to word. The program comes with a library of 60 animated pictures of actions to be used in the game. Teachers can also create new matches of word to word such as irregular and present tense verb forms, etc. Available in CD-ROM format.

Reader Rabbit 1
Publisher: Learning Company, The
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: STDOT

This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did.

Reader Rabbit 2 and 3
Publisher: Learning Company, The
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary

Game format; letter and word recognition and vocabulary.

Scrabble
Publisher: Leisure Genius
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

In this computer version of the vocabulary-building board game, students can choose to play against another person or against the computer at one of eight skill levels. The program has a 20,000-word vocabulary. Playing time can be set from 30 seconds to five minutes per turn. Games can be saved to continue later.

Seasons
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Seasons children experience the wonder of nature as they watch each season unfold. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows.

Seesaw
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins
Logic puzzles in which learners have to read carefully and think about a set of clues in order to work out missing information on a diagram. The program can be used on screen or will create paper puzzles.

Sortset
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Jones; Bradin
Puts words with others in the same category. Learners must correctly place the target word in one of three columns before time runs out. Especially useful for vocabulary or pronunciation and spelling.

Spanish Crossword and Word Search Wizard
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Special use: bilingual
Info from: catalog
Teachers can create both crosswords and word searches with clues in English or Spanish. Networkable.

Spanish-English ESL Vocabulary Games
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Bilingual
Vocabulary games. Authorable.

SuperMemo
Publisher: SuperMemo USA
Level: Beginning For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey
This program helps users memorize vocabulary (or other memorizable items, such as spelling lists and irregular verb forms). It spaces repetitions of items in such a way as to maximize learning. Teachers can add their own databases of items for their students to learn. Runs under DOS or Windows.

Synonym, Antonym and Analogy Puzzles
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog
Students play a variety of crossword and word search puzzles. Networkable.

Synonyms
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner
A small tutorial/drill activity which defines what synonyms are and how they are used. It contains some short and not overly complex exercises; excellent for the beginner. Even though same items come up each time the program is used, it still can serve as a good review of synonyms. On Higgins: Synonyms disk.

Talking Stickybear Alphabet
Publisher: Optimum Resources
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: catalog
Animated pictures help children learn their ABC's. Needs Covox or Tandy board for speech.

Textword
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE

A text-based program for reading comprehension and vocabulary enrichment using context clues to arrive at the meanings of unknown words. Target users are students who need to read academic texts in English. Authoring only; no support materials at present.

Tic Tac Show
Publisher: Advanced Ideas
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Drill program in the format of a tic tac toe game.

Tic-Tac-Know
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Kenner

This mini-authoring system for general comprehension and grammar questions has two players compete to fill in a Tic-Tac-Toe grid. The program randomly selects a category for each of the nine squares. The player whose turn is up must select the number (and category) for the square he/she needs to fill in. A question is then presented from that category. The square is only filled in if the player answers the question correctly. Upon failure to do so, the other player must answer a different question from the same category. Question files can be produced by the teacher using any word processor. A "test" program is included to ensure the integrity of the question file. Teacher authorable. TTK requires an EGA or VGA display.

TOEFL CD-ROM
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

Covers listening comprehension, grammar, and vocabulary/reading.

TOEFL Practice Test
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: HE
Info from: Kenner

A set of 30 practice drills modelled on the TOEFL test. This diagnostic test refers students to supplementary readings and exercises contained in a series of standard texts, whose titles are provided. The program is designed so that a novice programmer can easily change the items and produce new exercises.

Using Guide Words
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Practice in learning the English alphabet while using dictionary guide words.

Varietext
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Select the most appropriate words and phrases to fill in the blank. Authorable.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource
Publisher: Texas Caviar
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. This runs under Windows.

Vocabulary Adventure
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This uses an adventure story to teach vocabulary. Learners are asked in each "room" to answer a vocabulary question, usually to find the synonym of a target work from a list of four possibilities. Each correct answer gives them points. While not authorable, this program is one of the few for vocabulary study that is thoroughly contextualized.

Vocabulary for the TOEFL!
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

High frequency vocabulary for the TOEFL test.

Vocabulary Mastery II Series A,B,C
Publisher: ALA
See also Alta
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Students can choose to see the list of words for each lesson (10 per lesson), or go straight to the practice mode. The practice is a fill-in the missing word in a sentence context exercise. Students can access the word list as a reminder, and can get a hint (the first letter and potentially each succeeding letter in the word) in trying to complete the exercise. Each series in this program contains ten lessons of ten words. The Lesson 1 vocabulary list consists of: all, are, be, had, have, is, it, was, were, what. The most advanced list contains: crude, elbow, foolish, gloves, lawn, rug, sank, sleeves, solar, and target.

Vocabulary Power
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

Contains 15 disks which cover the 5000 most frequent words in English.

Vocabulary Review
Publisher: Hebrew Univ. Language Lab.
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Info from: Frank

An addition to Textword which may be used to test the vocabulary of students for diagnostic or evaluation purposes. It picks words from texts in Textword at each level and randomly scrambles them to give a review and a test of words. No support materials at present.

We the People
Publisher: Walnut Creek CDROM
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins

Allows searching and browsing through a set of political and constitutional documents.

Word Attack 3
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, Healey; STDOT

This native-speaker vocabulary program has definitions, words in context, follow-up exercises, and an arcade-style game. Learners choose a word list of nouns, verbs, or adjectives. Ten lists of each part of speech are included on each data disk, or teachers can add their own word lists. The Macintosh version has synthesized speech-- while not native-like, it at least gives learners a clue as to what the word sounds like. Authoring must be done within the author component of the program.

Word Games with English
Publisher: eigoMedia
See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Teaches 1500 words using 40 different interactive games and puzzles.

Word Mastermind
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

A concentration game that pairs words and a spelling game with the words from the concentration game. Networkable.

Word Substi-Tutor
Publisher: Merit Audio Visual
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Students fill in blanks in paragraphs from lists of words. Students can access a special context clue help feature. Teachers can modify the material, keep records and print worksheets from the program. Networkable.

Wordplay
Publisher: Wida Software
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Moore

4 programs: Scrambler (jumbled words in a sentence); Flasher (recognize words or sentences); Annagramma (scrambled letters in a word); and Alpha Beater (guess the hidden word). Authorable.

Wordstore
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Hurst, Rubin, Eastment; STDOT

Students build their own dictionaries using a custom database. Learners can do randomized tests from their vocabulary list at any time. The entries can be organised into sets. The teacher module allows for the sets to be locked, so as to avoid unauthorized changes.

Wordstore 2.0 is an improvement in many ways. The interface is user-friendly, the screen uncluttered, and both the Student and the Teacher files are easy to use.

WRITING

1001 Topics

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

Gives the user access to 1358 topics. The topics are arranged in 21 major categories. A major category is selected by letter from the main menu. The user then gains access to lists of topics related to that category. Twenty topics are listed per screen. The user can then continue to look at more topics within that category, go back to the main menu, or quit the program.
On Raker Pre-Writing disk.

All About Me!

Publisher: Creative Pursuits
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: N. Johnson

Designed to be used with the Children's Writing and Publishing Center software, All About Me! consists of twenty lessons revolving around the themes of home, family, friends and daily life. Students learn a variety of writing styles including short stories, reports, poetry and more. The program comes in English and Spanish versions with Spanish language directions in the Spanish version.

Book Report

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

Asks the user questions about a book they have read. The questions are grouped into six major areas; (Library information, Setting, Main character, Supporting characters, Main Scene, and Feelings about the book). The user is allowed one line per answer, with the option of getting another line for most of the questions. The objective of this one line format is to get the students to think about the book they've read, and write down important ideas that they can later develop into complete answers or reports. When finished, the program prints the user-supplied information out in note format.

Collins On-Line: Electronic ESL Dictionary

Publisher: LinguaTech
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: catalog

COBUILD-based dictionary designed for use with Collins On-Line v2.15 or higher. Gives examples using full sentences; reference can be pasted into word-processed document.

Cotton Tales

Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

A simple word processor that uses both text and pictures to produce rebus sentences.

Deadline

Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

Students work together to create a tourist brochure about a place of their choice. The program provides various prompts for writing and encourages both division of labor and collaboration on the final product. The program is not set up for learners to add information simultaneously from different networked machines.

Daedalus Integrated Writing Environment

Publisher: Daedalus Group
Level: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced For: All
Info from: Magoto

Eight interactive modules (writing: a word processor, a dictionary, citation software, brainstorming, responder; network management: e-mail, file serving, and class management) that allow for a wide variety of computer mediated interaction: teacher to student, student to student, student to whole class. This software has become very popular with undergraduate writing instructors. Among its many features is that it works in real time, so a writing class that meets in a lab can take full advantage of its conversation-like qualities: as a student types a comment, it appears on everyone's screen. It doesn't require a network, but much would be lost without one. To use it well, this software requires extensive training and support.

Dos Amigos

Publisher: WestCliff Software
See also Alta
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

A bilingual word processor featuring the ability to instantly switch between English and Spanish menuing systems. Translates words between English and Spanish or Spanish and English with the built-in bilingual dictionary.

Dr. Peet's Talk/Writer

Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: N. Johnson

Talking word processor which "says" letters and words as they are typed. Includes a large-text word-processor and drill in identifying letters. Good for beginning readers, adults and children. Requires a Digispeech audio adaptor and color graphics.

EA Prompted Writer, The

Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger, It)
Info from: catalog

Simple word processor allows creation of "prompted writing lessons" in English, Spanish, French, German or Italian.

Editing

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

Provides practice in finding out common errors in sentence and paragraph level texts. At the paragraph level, users may select type of error, or let the computer randomly sprinkle errors into the paragraph. Explanations are provided for the error, should the student want them. Most explanations are adequate, though some could be improved.
On Dalgish Grammar disk.

Editor

Publisher: Modern Language Association
See also TASL
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: CALL-IS NL (Feb 1992); CJ (2:4/1991); Phinney

This program is subtitled "A System for Checking Usage, Style, and Structure." Although this is designed for native speakers, rules can be added to make this more useful for ESL. Upgraded to Editor 5.0.

Editor in Chief
Publisher: Tango
See also Delta Systems
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Teaches English grammar and editing in a game format. Can be played by individuals or up to three students at a time. Teachers can author new games with content drawn directly from class assignments.

ESL Companion
Publisher: Creative Pursuits
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

Designed to be used with the Children's Writing and Publishing Center software these lessons focus on using oral language as the starting point for writing activities to supply a natural approach to second language acquisition. Lesson topics include: langauge arts, health, science, history, geography, and everyday life situations. Features a comprehensive teacher's manual and student activities including patterns for making maps, model cities, game boards and more.

Freeword & Word Processor for Kids
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: Kenner

A public domain word processor. It is certainly not WordPerfect or Word, but it can be adequate to the needs of language classes where there are older computers and not much money to buy software.

Grammatik
Publisher: Novell
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Levy, Eastment, Thrush; STDOT

This style and grammar checker allows its rules to be edited and added to, making it more useful for English language teaching than many other grammar/style checkers. Current versions are Grammatik 5 for DOS, Grammatik 6 for Windows, and Grammatik 6 for Mac.

Great Beginnings
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Students create stories based on thematic vocabulary provided in the program's "story starters." Students can choose graphics to illustrate their own stories and print them.

Guide to Grammar and Writing on the Computer for the ESL Student, A
Publisher: Kendall/Hunt
Level: Intermediate For: HE, Adult
Info from: Dalgish

Text and software.

Haiku Machine
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

A guided writing tool which leads students to produce poems in the strict HAIKU format. The purpose and format of HAIKU is explained, and students are guided in creating various alternatives for first, second, and third lines. The computer may then combine these randomly, or under student direction. The author has provided pedagogical notes as to how HAIKU might be exploited in a class situation. The program is quite simple to use.

Headline
Publisher: CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Higgins

A very useful but extremely simple activity, which we use at the beginning of the year to help learn the names of the class. Each student types in their own name and some basic personal information, such as home town and hobby. Then the computer generates a string of zany newspaper headlines (nothing negative or offensive), and the students can print out any they like. Then they can discuss their headlines, compare them with others, and write the news article which would fit their own headline.

Homework Helper: Writing
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: K-12
Info from: CALL-IS NL (Oct. 91); Phinney

Writing process software designed to help primary and secondary school students write book reports and essays. Designed more for home than for school use.

IdeaFisher
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems
See also MacWarehouse
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts. This is in version 2.0 for the Mac and version 4.0 for IBM Windows.

Interchange
Publisher: Daedalus
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Phinney

Now sold as part of the Daedalus Integrated Writing Environment.

Kid Works 2 Bilingual
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual, literacy
Info from: catalog

Allows children to create and illustrate their own stories which can be read back to them by the computer in English or Spanish. The program includes four components: Story Writer, Icon Maker, Story Illustrator, and Story Player. The built-in speech dictionary can be modified and additional words can be entered. Graphics can also be imported from other paint programs. This software can be used as a tool in language experience approach lessons.

Kidwriter Golden Edition 3.5
Publisher: Queue Inc.
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary

Students create pictures and write a story about them. Color monitor essential.

Language Assistant Programs
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (French, Spanish, German)
Info from: catalog

A memory-resident 100,000 word interactive translator to help translate entire documents from French, Spanish, or German to English and back. It contains a bilingual dictionary and some grammar information as well as a text editor that can import files from many word-processors. Translations are not perfect, but are a start.

Language Experience Recorder
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources, Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: literacy
Info from: STDOT

A specialized word processing program with simple graphics and speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis. This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading. Needs a sound card.

Letter Writer for Job Seekers, The
Publisher: Wintergreen Software
Level: Intermediate For: Adult

Organizes information so that a student may write an effective cover and/or thank-you letter to employer.

Letterhunt
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Wida
Level: For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy

In this letter recognition game, the user moves around with the arrow keys to hit specific letters before they scroll off the screen (and avoid all the other letters). The program tracks which letters caused problems and makes sure the learner practices those until they are done correctly. The letters can be set up to be in alphabetical order, only consonants, only vowels, only capitals, only lowercase, or a mixture of everything. The speed can also be adjusted. The program would be good for adults or children at the beginning literacy level. Good hand-eye coordination is very helpful.

Linguawrite
Publisher: Multilingua
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Bilingual, business

Business translation aid using a data base of standard phrases to help create business correspondence in English, French, German, Spanish, and Italian.

Make-A-Book: A Talking Book Maker
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Children can write, illustrate, and publish their own books. Printouts are formatted so that they can just be folded and stapled into book form.

Mark-Up
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Taylor, Eastment, Higgins

Students practice punctuation and capitalization rules by finding and correcting errors in paragraphs or longer text. The bottom of the screen shows a list of the missing punctuation marks and the number of capital letters. While some exercises come with the program, teachers are expected to add more of their own material. It works well to use students' own work as the basis for exercises.

Mastertype
Publisher: Society for Visual Education
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Keyboarding skills practice in an arcade-style game. Students try to shoot the letters and words out of the sky before they crash into their space ship in the middle of the screen.

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing!
Publisher: Mindscape
See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse, Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Jones, Healey; STDOT

This typing program offers a step-by-step tutorial (written for native speakers, so not very useful for beginners or intermediate level students without a teacher's help getting started), record-keeping so that learners can start up again where they left off, and game options for further practice. The road race typing game is very popular with some learners.

Microsoft Word
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Beginning For: 7-12
Info from: Langford, Krauss, Bradin

Full-blown word processing program; can be used to teach keyboarding and word-processing skills. Has built-in style and spelling checkers as well as a thesaurus. This is a professional quality word processor and learning how to use such a program is especially useful for ESL students who hope to work in a business setting or to complete an academic degree.

Microsoft Works
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Integrated program with database, spreadsheet, graphics program, telecommunication program, and word-processor. The components of this program are not as powerful as stand-alone versions such as Microsoft Word or Excell. However, it is less complicated to learn and to use than these other programs. This program works well for most ESL writing tasks and the other components are useful for introducing students to common computer operations in business settings.

PC Classroom: Writing Better English Sentences
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Designed for independent study. Step-by-step grammar explanations with exercises.

Picture Perfect
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

A simple graphics and word processing program.

Practical Spelling
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Tutorial and drill of basic spelling rules, possessive and plural formation, plus 100 spelling demons. Designed for native speakers.

Print Shop/New Print Shop/Print Shop Deluxe
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Baltra, N. Johnson

This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics, color printing, TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality), new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text, special pre-made headline texts, rich text which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words, a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs, and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics.

Proteus
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Thrush

This program helps writers get going with five prewriting strategies: free writing, looping to narrow the focus, listing the attributes, 5 W's (who, what, where, when, why) to expand, and cubing to look at the topic from different perspectives. Help screens are available, and the final product can be transferred to any word-processor. Lesson plans and student activity sheets are included in the documentation.

Seen: Tutorials for Critical Reading
Publisher: Conduit
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Info from: Dalgish, catalog

A set of tutorials designed to develop analytical thinking and critical reading skills. Using a set of question prompts, the tutorials enable students to organize and outline their ideas. When used in conjunction with the BBS option, students have the opportunity for peer review and collaboration.

Sentence Combining
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6

Subordinate and coordinate clause structures are randomly created. Students can request one of two types. Students must figure out the correct connector. On Dalgish Grammar disk.

Sentence Starters
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Presented in a sticker-book theme. Students finish sentences in a format that provides ample hints for reluctant readers/writers.

SentenceMaker II
Publisher: ALA
See also Alta
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Updated version of SentenceMaker and SentenceMaker Plus. Students create sentences choosing words (or the null choice) from columns of words arranged according to grammar categories. Useful for ESL students who need extra practice on English word order or sentence level grammar.

Software Toolworks Multimedia Encyclopedia
Publisher: Mindscape
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-3
Info from: Magoto, Healey

CD-ROM-based encyclopedia with graphics, sound, search capability. This has a "notepad" for notes and can export information, as well.

SoundSpeler
Publisher: American Literacy Council
See also Gessler, Delta
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Healey; STDOT

Learners type words as they sound, and the program uses a built-in dictionary to convert the Soundspeler phonemic spellings to real English words. Any words typed are displayed in regular spelling and the program's phonemic spelling.

Spell It! Plus
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

This program presents, then drills commonly misspelled words. The instruction phase includes some common rules of English spelling and shows each word broken down into syllables. The program pronounces each word using synthesized speech. The practice activities include filling in missing letters in the list of words which at the same time decodes a hidden message; correcting misspelled words presented in sentence contexts; a tic tac toe-like game where students need to unscramble the words they've studied; and a race game where students must quickly recognize and select the words that are spelled correctly. Authorable.

Stop, Look and Listen
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: Adult
Special use: Immigrant literacy
Info from: catalog

Skills development of visual discrimination, upper and lower case letter, numbers and time. Requires microphone, headset and any one of the following sound devices: Ani-Vox, Covox, Digispeech, Tandy or Sound Blaster.

Storybook Weaver
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: literacy, bilingual
Info from: Baltra, Foley-Vinay

A creative tool for kids to write and illustrate their own storybook. Students can choose from hundreds of images and scenery combinations, plus a variety of borders and type styles. They can also add sounds and music to their stories. *Story Book Weaver Deluxe* on CD offers more graphics and animation, spoken word narration and both English and Spanish writing capabilities.

Styled
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Stevens

The program analyses writing as to word length, punctuation, syntax, and nominalization. The manual in the accompanying file explains what the feedback means, from which point it is up to the writer to take it or leave it.

Super Scoop I, II
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary

Students gather information and write news stories. Super Scoop II is designed to stand alone or to follow Super Scoop I in a journalism instructional sequence.

Super Story Tree
Publisher: Scholastic Software
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: All

Integrates sound, graphics and text in allowing students to make a "create your own adventure" type of story with multiple endings. The program includes a drawing tool.

Type to Learn
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Beginning For: K-12, Adult
Info from: N. Johnson

Easy to use keyboard tutorial. Available in two font sizes for students who are young or have special needs. Includes an option for low level and advanced vocabulary for practice words which makes this a good choice for beginning level ESL students who want to learn to use the computer keyboard effectively.

Type!
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

This full-featured keyboard skills tutorial has three special features that distinguish it for ESL users: 1) an option to choose between regular and elementary level vocabulary for lesson practice words; 2) a very attractive practice game racing against the student's preset speed goal; and 3) an option to create practice lessons of any length (saved as text files from your word processor) to use for further speed and skill development. This means that at the same time that students are working on their speed and accuracy they can be copying sentences recently studied in class.

Typing Tutor V (formerly Typing Tutor IV Plus)
Publisher: Brady
See also Prentice-Hall
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Sokolik

Typing tutorial program.

UltraKey 3.0
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

UltraKey is a keyboard skills tutorial that is more appropriate for ESL users than many on the market. The explanation about proper posture at the computer is well done and accessible to at least intermediate level ESL students. The excellent use of graphics and visual prompts also helps. Finally, in the skill check section students have an option of typing in whatever text they desire. This enables students to practice writing sentences at their appropriate level while at the same time building keyboard speed.

Word Munchers
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: N. Johnson

An arcade-style game that drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/i/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monstors that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners.

Word Order

Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

A simple program that allows for practice in word order problems. Teachers write short sentences in a list. The words are jumbled as they appear on the screen. As users select words, they move to the top of the screen. Once done, the program provides feedback on whether the order chosen is correct.

Shareware. Also available in CALL-IS MS-DOS Library. Now part of the CALL-IS MS-DOS Software Collection.

Word Processor Ideas for Composition

Publisher: Hanson-Smith
See also CALL-IS Macintosh Library, CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Hanson-Smith

Syllabus, assignments, templates for writing assignments for word processors.

World Atlas 5.0

Publisher: Mindscape
See also Educational Resources, EduCorp, mail order houses
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-3
Info from: Magoto, Healey

This CD-ROM-based 1991 world atlas offers extensive information on countries of the world, including demographic as well as geographic data. Learners can search for specific information about a country. While it is possible to print the information about a country, the program is not selective about what to print, resulting in about 10-15 pages of output. The IBM version requires multimedia capability (MPC).

Writing Journal, The

Publisher: Creative Pursuits
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

English and Spanish templates and lessons for use with the Children's Writing and Publishing Center. Twelve themes, one for each month of the year, revolve around the celebrations of the seasons, holidays and everyday events.

Writer's Helper

Publisher: Conduit
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Algren, N. Johnson

A complex program designed for native speakers. Can help with pre-writing idea generation and outlining, as well as revision. Students write compositions in any word processing program and import into Writer's Helper as a text-only file to revise. Program points out possible composition errors for students to think about.

AUTHORING

Adam & Eve
Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Stevens, N. Johnson; CJ 4:3 1993; STDOT

This is a two-part program. Adam is a program that analyzes any text according to a database of the 2000 most frequent word groups, grading each word on the basis of frequency and "familiarity." The Eve section generates a wide variety of exercises based on the analysis of the text done in Adam. Works with the following languages: English, French, and Dutch.

Adventure Game & Interactive Fiction Generator
Publisher: RK-Idees
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (French)
Info from: CJ (1:2/1990); STDOT

Authoring system for text-based adventure simulations and interactive fiction. Simulations can be created using the word-processor.

Authorware Professional
Publisher: Macromedia
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Levy

Allows teachers to create lessons incorporating text, graphics, animation, sound and videodisc. We have used this system to develop language learning materials for movies, specifically Korean and Australian feature films. (M.L.)

CALIS 2.5
Publisher: Duke University
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: STDOT

Family of programs for authoring; interfaces with audio, video, and videodisc. Upgraded from 2.5. Non-profits may request disks for a $25.00 service charge and signed copyright agreement..

Choicemaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Eastment

Produces multiple choice tests with feedback for right and wrong answers. Version 2 is for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Code Breaker
Publisher: Cambridge University Press
See also Gessler
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Eastment

Students develop strategies to break an encoded passage using logic, grammatical categories, and prediction from context.

Dasher
Publisher: Conduit
See also Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

Widely-used in foreign languages, this long-time authoring program hasn't made too much of an impact in ESL. One reason for that is that it has very limited authoring capability: you're limited to 4-5 types of exercises (and no scripting), and student responses are always evaluated letter by letter, word by word; the other is that it uses a rather traditional drill and practice paradigm. Becomes more interesting if the exercises include graphics, sound, or laserdisc access, but this kind of multimedia work can be better done with other programs.

Dialogue
Publisher: Amtex
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

Create listening, translation, and vocabulary exercises. Requires microphone (sound card included).

Director Player for Windows v. 3.1
Publisher: Macromedia
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Milton

This runs on Windows.

Eclipse
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
See also Wida, CALL-IS MS-DOS Library, Athelstan
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Higgins

Variant of Storyboard (whole-text deletion program) in which specific word groups can be displayed, e.g., prepositions. Excellent for group work with teacher, a useful vehicle for thinking about groups of words and structures in written texts.

Fun with Texts
Publisher: Camsoft
See also Wida
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Authoring package lets teachers write texts for use in 7 different programs: different versions of clozes, scrambled or encoded letters or sentences, and whole-text deletion exercises. Also includes a concordancer.

Game Show, The
Publisher: Advanced Ideas
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Stevens, N. Johnson, Baltra

Vocabulary drill like the popular Password game. An animated computer partner gives clues and the student tries to guess the target word. Two students or two teams of students can play in competition against each other. For each additional clue required to guess the word fewer points are awarded. Authorable.

Gapmaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Alta
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Levy; Hurst

A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Guide
Publisher: InfoAccess International
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Hypertext authoring system, and one of very few for both Macintosh and MS-DOS machines. (640K RAM, hard disk recommended)

Hype
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Kenner

Despite the "quirks" you will encounter when you try to use it, HYPE allows for the relatively easy creation of a wide variety of interesting hypertext interactions. It has been successfully used by my student-teachers in ESL to create a number of ESL activities, some of which are included as models.

HyperScreen 2.0
Publisher: Scholastic Software
See also Learning Services
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Authoring system, allowing the use of on-screen buttons for branching between "stacks." Integrates sound, graphics and multiple fonts for text; includes a drawing tool. Update of Hyperscreen.

Hypershell 1.8
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Kenner

A sophisticated Hypertext authoring system. It is similar to the HYPE program also offered in the MS-DOS Library, but with more features (and inherently, thus, a bit more complex)

Language Lab Tool Kit
Publisher: Amtex
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

Create listening, translation, and vocabulary exercises. Requires microphone and sound card

Linguist, The
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Special use: bilingual (Fr, Sp, It, Ger, Rus,J ap, Heb, etc.)
Info from: catalog

Create drills in French, Spanish, German, English, Russian, Hebrew, Japanese, and 13 other languages.

LXR•Test
Publisher: Logic eXtension Resources
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This is an elaborate test-generator for on-screen and printed tests. It can readily incorporate graphics with text. It offers a variety of test formats (free format, true/false, two to six alternatives) but is especially useful for item banking, since error analysis can be built in. With tests taken on the computer or from scanned answer sheets, the program will score and generate reports that include item analyses.

M-ss-ng L-nks: English Editor
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Text reconstruction program. The program can be set to delete the text in a number of different ways: all the vowels, all the consonants, every other word, all but the first letter of each word, all but the first word of each sentence, and everything. Authorable. Useful in a language experience approach and as a beginning writing task.

Matchmaker Series for School
Publisher: American Education Corporation
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Authoring program for matching exercises.

Matchmaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor

Authoring program for matching exercises. Version 2.0 for IBM. "Convert" facility automatically converts data files to Version 2.

Pinpoint Version 2.0
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Alta, Athelstan, Eurocentres
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Carrier, Levy, Eastment

This authoring package is designed to help students to read more adventurously and sharpen their prediction and inference skills. The program invites learners to guess the subject of a masked out text, choosing from half a dozen possible titles. At the start just one random word is on view, but the viewing window is widened two words at a time until you see enough to make an intelligent guess. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0.

Prompt
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Special use: Bilingual (Fr, Sp, It, Ger)
Info from: catalog

This authoring program creates multiple choice and cloze exercises with help and dictionary options. Comments can be added to each of the distractors for error feedback. The cloze has clues, a spelling checker, and error feedback. It allows alternate answers to be specified.

Puzzler, The
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Reading strategy activity developing the skills of predicting, confirming and revising. Students read the beginning of a story and then choose one of several predictions about what will happen next. As they read and repeat this procedure, students learn that some predictions are no longer possible, so new ones must be identified. Each story has more than one solution. This program is best used under teacher supervision as a class activity.

Question Mark
Publisher: Question Mark Computing
See also Wida, Eurocentres
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: CD (4:8/1988); Carrier

Authoring system for various types of tests and tutorials. Also in French, Spanish, German, and Dutch versions. Can import graphics with QM Graphics Companion. Add-on hardware/software for sound (needs hard drive for sound).

Rhubarb 3.0
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Whole-text reconstruction program. Students reconstruct the text one word at a time. Every place a word occurs is revealed when the student enters that word. The program can be played by pairs of students competing against each other or in competition against the computer. Authorable. Teachers can enter reading texts or transcriptions of listening exercises so that students will be reconstructing a text on the computer that they have already encountered in a different mode.

Sequitur
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Delta, Athelstan, Higgins
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Higgins, Taylor, Bradin

Students practice arranging sentences of a paragraph in correct order. The computer presents the first line of a text and three possible continuations. Authorable. Teachers can enter texts into the program that students have worked with in class for students to practice on in computer mode.

Storyboard
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT

Whole-text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is MUCH shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Super Cloze 5.1
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Stevens; STDOT

This works with any plain text (ASCII) file to generate on-line clozes. Deletions can occur on every nth word (n=2 to 9), on words marked for deletion, according to word lists, or according to the c-test formula. Developed according to research into its use with students, the program is easily implemented. It can be run from within a single subdirectory, off texts on disks, or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

Super Talk to Me
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Authoring system that incorporates digitized sound and video stills to help students learn to recognize and pronounce words. Can add graphics. Requires Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy voice chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster.

SuperCard 2.0
Publisher: Allegiant Technologies
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

Recently updated and given bi-platform capabilities, this multimedia authoring system is a good alternative to HyperCard for teachers interested in scripting and who can deliver their software on more powerful Macs or Windows-based machines.

Supercontext
Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Moore

A basic cloze authoring program for DOS. It can gap every nth word or any word you choose and allows you to create 3 or 4 clues, including highlighting of related words in the text. The booklet says that you can import DOS 3.3 text files. (We've only got a demo for this one)

Testmaster Version 2
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Level: Advanced For: Teacher
Info from: Moore, Carrier

Similar interface to Gapmaster except it's a q+a thingamebob. The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. It can tell you if you've made a punctuation error, etc. You can also program up to 21+ variations for one answer. You can type (possibly import) a text into the help screen(s), for example, and the questions may be related to that text. It's very versatile and useful at all levels. I haven't programmed anything into it- it seems to be extremely time-consuming. It might be a good idea to set up a bank of exercises for this program as well.

Text Tanglers 2.3
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Delta
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Stevens, Bradin, Jones

A suite of text manipulation programs comprising jumbled sentence, jumbled paragraph, cloze, hangman, and cryptogram templates. The program is easily implemented and works on texts that users provide as ASCII text files. Can be run from within a single subdirectory, or can be run off texts on disks or in subdirectories specified by the user. The program works on individual computers or on networks, and in its registered version allows tracking of student progress. Once it is in place, users simply update texts.

Tic Tac Show
Publisher: Advanced Ideas
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Drill program in the format of a tic tac toe game.

ToolBook
Publisher: Asymetrix Corporation
See also PC Connection
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Rowe, catalog

Windows-based multimedia authoring package, which is gaining in popularity all the time. Now in version 3.0, this versatile program has several versions aimed at different audiences: Toolbook (small projects), Multimedia Toolbook (sound and graphics), 3D FX (professional), Database Connection (tracking), Infomodeler (prototyping).

Trivia
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Kenner

A fast-paced short answer game, Trivia can be used as the basis for any rapid practice activity. Teacher authorable.

VersaText 2.0/2.7 Author
Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp.
See also Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Milton, N. Johnson

Authoring system for creating computer-based reading lessons. Teachers can enter specialized texts, create explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, and create true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. The program can automatically provide the student with reports on reading speed and paced reading practice. With the Macintosh version teachers can also add audio and graphics connected to each reading text and exercise. Version 2.7 is for IBM.

Viewbook Author
Publisher: Information Education
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Transform word-processor files into electronic books. Includes automatic indexing, and a way to allow readers to take notes in the document.

Vocab
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Hurst, Levy, catalog

This offers six different word game activities from word lists entered by teachers. Games commonly found in vocabulary software include scrambled sentences, a sentence-level Hangman, and scrambled words. In addition, Vocab offers some thought-provoking work with Alphagame, where learners guess a word by its position in the alphabet before or after other words; Which word?, where students have to choose which gapped sentence a target word fits into; and Mindword, where learners are given clues about letters and their position to help them guess words.

WINCALIS
Publisher: Duke University
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Heymans; STDOT

Family of programs for authoring; interfaces with audio, video, and videodisc; Windows version of CALIS 2.5. Full range of multimedia presentation. Differs from other authoring environments by observing UNICODE conventions, i.e., all languages of the world uniquely identified and distinctively encoded.

Word Patterns
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

Create games where students identify patterns in the words presented on screen. This can be used for vocabulary or grammar work, depending on whether the categories are semantic or syntactic. The program can be used over a network.

Wordplay
Publisher: Wida Software
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Moore

4 programs: Scrambler (jumbled words in a sentence); Flasher (recognize words or sentences); Annagramma (scrambled letters in a word); and Alpha Beater (guess the hidden word). Authorable.

OTHER UTILITIES

Concord
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Kenner
A simple concordance program which can generate KWIC (key word in context) displays based on any given word, or part of word. It can be run from the command line, or via one of a couple of interface programs that were written later. It's purpose is not to replace commercial programs of this nature, but to serve as an initial playground in the field of text concordancing.

Concords
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Kenner
Searches through a given text file to produce a list of every sentence containing a given word (or one of a group of words). The output may be viewed on the screen or captured to a file for later study. This is an excellent tool for those beginning to dabble in the applications of text concordancing.

Courseware Management System
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: catalog
The CMS monitors student progress for all DynEd courseware. Detailed historical records for each student show which lessons have been studied each day, the amount of time spent in each lesson, and the score or percentage of correct responses attained.

Crossword Compiler for Windows ver. 1.5 1994
Publisher: Simtel
Level: Advanced For: all
Info from: Bowers
It's VERY easy to use. Available via FTP: oak.oakland.edu /SimTel/msdos/windows3/. The filename is: ccwin15.zip.

Crossword Creator
Publisher: PC Help-Line
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Tillyer, STDOT
Crossword puzzle maker. Puzzles can be printed out or used online. Instructions in French, Spanish, German.

Crossword Magic
Publisher: Mindscape
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Stevens
Users input words and descriptions, and the program creates crosswords from these, which are printed and copied for students to solve. Printing is not easy to configure, but teachers who can print like this program very much. Authorable.

EA Prompted Writer, The
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Fr, Ger, It)
Info from: catalog
Simple word processor allows creation of "prompted writing lessons" in English, Spanish, French, German or Italian.

EndNote Plus
Publisher: Niles & Associates
Level: Advanced For: Teacher
Info from: Milton, Magoto

A bibliographic data base that works inside popular word processors. Contains all major bibliographic styles, e.g. APA, MLA, etc., so it's useful for students, especially graduate students, from many different majors. Students and teachers alike enjoy having the drudgery of remembering which style is which removed.

Free Database Program
Publisher: CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Teacher For: teacher
Info from: Kenner

A series of short DOS batch files, which provide the LIST, SORT, ADD, DELETE, AND, OR, and COPY functions found in most database programs. While this tool will certainly not put any major software houses out of business, it is certainly adequate for the simple needs of many teachers, and can be used to allow classes to play with database activities.

Gradebook Plus
Publisher: Mindscape
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Corio

A wonderful tool for classes in which there are regular graded activities. A nice feature is the weighting of grades by category, e.g. vocabulary quizzes, reading quizzes, response journals.

Hopalong
Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel
Level: Any, Teacher For: All
Info from: Higgins; CJ 3:4 1993

This is a reading pacer and diagnostic tool for readers. It goes through a text, highlighting pages at a speed the reader can control. When the reader is finished, it displays a graph to show the way the text has been read. The reader can print the complete text with inserted marks to show where the reader sped up, slowed down, paused, or re-read a page or pages. The goal is to assist students in understanding their bad (and good) habits, not to replace reading on paper.

The program as it now stands has few texts, but the author would be happy to have the assistance of others in adding texts to the program.

IdeaFisher
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems
See also MacWarehouse
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts. This is in version 2.0 for the Mac and version 4.0 for IBM Windows.

Learning Styles Inventory
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

Students go through this questionnaire in the form of a HyperCard stack to analyze their learning styles. The program offers suggestions to enhance studying based on the learner's profile. The profiles for a whole class can be stored, so that comparisons of an individual to the teacher or to the class can be printed. The interface is not the smoothest, especially in terms of printing a diagnosis for each student, but it is workable.

Longman Mini Concordancer
Publisher: Longman Group Ltd.
See also Wida, Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Taylor, Levy

This Key-Word-in-Context (KWIC) concordancing program comes with a large textbase. It gives detailed information on word frequency and creates wordlists sorted by their beginnings or endings. Searches can use "wildcards"- all words ending with -ing or all words beginning with look-, for example. The user can switch instantly from any line in the concordance display to the full paragraph in which the line occurs.

Micrograde

Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Keeps class records and grades. Able to weight assignments.

.Powerpoint

Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

This versatile presentation software can be used for lecture and notetaking classes, part of an oral skills curriculum which includes a formal presentation, or a computer literacy course which includes a multimedia component. Since it's part of Microsoft's popular Office suite of integrated applications, it works well as a publishing component of information created in Word (word processor) and Excel (a spreadsheet). If you have the right classroom (access to an OHP and an LCD panel) this can be a powerful and colorful alternative to the blackboard or transparencies.

Print Shop/New Print Shop/Print Shop Deluxe

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Baltra, N. Johnson

This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics, color printing, TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality), new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text, special pre-made headline texts, rich text which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words, a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs, and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics.

Scriber

Publisher: Pacific Lotus
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: CJ (3:1/1992); Healey

This program works with a special closed-caption decoder to capture TV captions to disk. It is very handy for those who would otherwise transcribe captions. The software works with the newer closed-captioned televisions, the FA710 Scriber system, and the PL 100 Telescriber (the last two from Pacific Lotus).

Once the closed captions have been saved to disk, teachers are able to create exercises using them. Students with a high level of proficiency can compare what is said on TV to what is transcribed to come up with the rules those who do closed captions use.

SuperMemo

Publisher: SuperMemo USA
Level: Beginning For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey

This program helps users memorize vocabulary (or other memorizable items, such as spelling lists and irregular verb forms). It spaces repetitions of items in such a way as to maximize learning. Teachers can add their own databases of items for their students to learn. Runs under DOS or Windows.

Testmaster Version 2

Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Level: Advanced For: Teacher
Info from: Moore, Carrier

Similar interface to Gapmaster except it's a q+a thingamebob. The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. It can tell you if you've made a punctuation error, etc. You can also program up to 21+ variations for one answer. You can type (possibly import) a text into the help screen(s), for example, and the questions may be related to that text. It's very versatile and useful at all levels. I haven't programmed anything into it- it seems to be extremely time-consuming. It might be a good idea to set up a bank of exercises for this program as well.

Timbuktu Pro 1.05

Publisher: Farallon
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Magoto

Allows one computer to see and manipulate what is on the screen of a networked machine. Useful for various networking tasks: 1) where a teacher would like to see or present student writing, 2) where a CALL coordinator needs to offer support to users. It's rather expensive and probably not as effective as face-to-face contact with students or other teachers, but it can be useful when people are in different locations. IBM versions available in Windows.

WordPerfect

Publisher: Novell
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Higgins

Used by students for word-processing. In addition, students are encouraged to use the thesaurus and spellcheck tools to investigate vocabulary. For instance, the spelling dictionary is searched for all words with a particular ending, such as the adjectives ending in -ID, to see if they share common features.

Macintosh Computers

DISCONTINUED

Phrase Thesaurus, The
Publisher: Alta Book Center

Power of Nation-States
Publisher: ISTE

Time Table of History—Science and Invention
Publisher: Mindscape

COMPREHENSIVE

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development

Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: K-6, Adult
Info from: N. Johnson

This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see and say each word. In the Mac version students can hear each word pronounced. They can also record their pronunciation and compare it to the model. This digitized speech option in DOS computers requires an Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy sound chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. The reading speed can be set from 25 WPM to 250 WPM. Next the student completes a fill-in exercise using a word list at the bottom of the screen. Students are then presented with comprehension questions. These are in a Yes/no format. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found.

Writing practice is conducted with the students completing each word of a sentence from the text, where the first letter of each word is given. In a variation of the word completion exercise, students watch a target word move across the screen, when the word reaches the center of the screen it stops and part of the word disappears. The students type the missing letters. In one more word level exercise the students choose the correct spelling of a word from two distracters.

CSL ClassWorks

Publisher: Chancery Software
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

This is an instructional management system for classrooms. It incorporates third-party software in ESL, math, and writing. Lessons are organized by skill and objective, making it possible to design individual education programs for ESL and Chapter 1 students. Schools can add their own software, as well.

Teachers can create their own lessons from the software provided. All material is presented through a menu system. Training is available either on-site or at Chancery Software's Mac School University.

English Express

Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: 5-Adult
Info from: Healey; CJ 4:1 1993; CJ 4:2 1993; STDOT

This vocabulary-centered language teaching system offers students opportunities for listening, speaking, reading and writing English. It requires a CD-ROM drive, videodisc with barcode reader, computer with hard drive, and either the Macintosh's built-in speech capability or a sound card. It comes with extensive teacher's guides, including a videotape showing how to apply the material, lesson plans, and complete scripts of what is on the videodiscs. Installation is part of the package when a network version is purchased.

Learn to Speak English Series

Publisher: HyperGlot Software Company
See also Athelstan
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Business, bilingual (Fr, Ger, Sp, It, Port, Jap)
Info from: Levy, N. Johnson

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences, listening dictation), a listen to the model pronunciation record your voice and compare with the model feature, and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge.

Learning English: Home & Family
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-12, Adult
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions.

Learning English: Neighborhood Life
Publisher: Conter Software
See also Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Info from: catalog

A comprehensive ESL program designed for students in grades 4-12 using a theme-based multimedia approach. Each unit introduces vocabulary and tests student comprehension of theme-related information. Students listen to and read conversations between characters, write and practice speaking their own related conversations and complete a variety of other instructional activities including computer-based TPR and task completions. Themes covered include: shopping, entertainment, banking, asking for directions, and using the library among others.

Learning English Series: Primary
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

A series of six programs following a theme-based, integrated approach to ESL. Each program consists of three components--Story Reader, Story Thinker (comprehension questions and activities) and Word Time. The six programs in the series are: Me, Myself and I (new friends and parts of the body); Animal Antics (the world of animals); The Time Shop (seasons and time concepts); World of Numbers (grouping, counting and comparing sets of objects); School Days (people, places, activities and objects found in school); and Home, Sweet Home (things in and around the home). Requires CD-ROM drive.

MacEnglish: Executive English
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Special use: Business
Info from: Milton

CD-ROM-based vocabulary, reading, and listening with business topics. Designed for ESL.

MacEnglish: Inform
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Japanese ver. 1.0)
Info from: CJ (2:2/1991); Carrick; Healey

This CD-ROM-based reading and listening program is designed for ESL. It is set up in a magazine-like format with different topics for learners to explore. Each section has a reading, a dialogue where students can either listen or take part, and other exercises.

MacESL
Publisher: Hacienda La Puente Adult Education
Level: Beginning For: 9-12, Adult
Info from: Wachman, Bradin

Designed "to increase the listening, speaking and reading skills of limited English proficient...adult learners who possess some English language skills, but are not proficient at conversational English." (from the User's Manual, p. 1) Major pluses include: subjects of interest to adults; high quality, natural-sounding speech; excellent animated graphics which help make stories clear; usefulness and variety of activities; ease of operation.

The program consists of an introduction and 9 situationally-based lessons: 3 each on housing, health care, and employment. Each lesson has eight activities: 1) listening to an animated narration of a story; 2) text which underlines itself sentence-by-sentence as it is narrated; 3) aural/text vocabulary match; 4) pronunciation--works like a Language Master: students record their own approximation of a number of vocabulary, and listen repeatedly to the program vs. their own voice; 5) multiple choice comprehension check; 6) picture/story match; 7) cloze, using list of vocabulary; 8) puzzle--a crossword or word scramble.

Requires at least a Macintosh Plus with hard drive; pronunciation activities require a microphone--either Mac Recorder or built-in variety; HyperCard 2.0 or higher.
Colorized and Quick Time versions available.

Stickybear's Early Learning Activities

Publisher: Optimum Resource
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

Introduces young children to the English alphabet, counting, shapes, opposites and colors. Instructions for the six different activity options for each lesson objective can be in either English or Spanish. The lessons can be done either following computer prompts or in a more independent exploration mode.

Story Club

Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Info from: Healey; CJ 4:4 1993/94

This is an extensive program that uses multi-cultural folktales as the basis for a whole language approach. The target audience is K-6, but older children and adults can also enjoy the stories. The CD-ROM has digitized speech and graphics that enhance the computer-based activities designed for classroom use and individualized study. Students can read as they listen to the folktales, work on vocabulary, and do writing tasks (with graphics from the story that they can color in, if they so desire). In addition, it has teacher-led activities using barcode-controlled videodiscs. Extensive teacher's manuals are provided. Installation is included with some network purchases.

Tapestry Early Learning Programs

Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, literacy

Tapestry has three main components: early childhood, emerging literacy, and parental involvement in both English and Spanish.

DISCUSSION

Adventure 1.1
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker; STDOT

A Macintosh version of the classic original mainframe game—plain text, abbreviated commands, and no graphics. When it says "More," press the spacebar to continue.

Adventure Builder
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

Adventure Builder lets you create your own adventure. The process requires a fair bit of teacher assistance and off-computer time to plan the different locations and the events that will go on in each of them. This would be an excellent activity for group work.

Amazon Trail
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, AE, HE
Info from: Baltra

Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development.

Animals
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey; STDOT

The student is prompted to think of an animal. The computer then asks yes-no questions to guess what animal the student is thinking of. If the computer guesses wrong, the program asks for a question to distinguish the animal it guessed from the correct animal. Provides practice in asking yes-no questions and classifying. Very good for group work; the teacher or an assistant should be available to check the grammaticality (and possibly the accuracy) of new questions added by the student.

Cosmic Osmo
Publisher: MediaGenic
See also Language Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Healey

A Hypercard-based fantasy exploration trip. By clicking the mouse, students enter a solar system where anything can happen. Pictures talk and musical instruments dance, among other events, in these strange and wonderful worlds. Since this has little or no language within it, all of the pedagogical value comes from tasks assigned by the teacher. This can be an excellent catalyst for storytelling and writing.

Destination: Mars!
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: science
Info from: Milton

A space adventure science activity.

Eliza

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey; STDOT

This is a version of the classic "psychotherapy" program. Tell Eliza your problems (by typing), and Eliza will respond with further questions. This works best with students in groups who have had an introduction to what to do by a teacher. The program works by scanning what students type for key words or by mechanical transformation of the student's input into further questions. Advanced students can try to cause Eliza to respond ungrammatically if they recognize how the program is creating its responses.

Factory, The

Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Intermediate For: All

Simulated machine assembly line. Also available in Spanish: La Fabrica. IBM versions also available in Windows.

Glider

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey

A hand-eye coordination game where you try to fly your glider through a house, bypassing various household objects. This has no built-in language, so it is useful for ESL only if the teacher assigns a task, such as watching someone else and taking notes or writing down their strategies for others. It is an arcade-style game, so it goes too fast for collaboration while the glider is flying; learners can only compare notes once the action has stopped.

Hidden Agenda

Publisher: Scholastic Software
See also Learning Services
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Langford, N. Johnson

Political simulation requiring reading, analysis and decision-making. Students learn the complexities and realities of government as they lead an emerging nation to political, economic and social stability. Students need to study simulated foreign and domestic press reports, chart economic and social trends, select cabinet members, and etc.

HyperQuest

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Healey

This is a graphical adventure game that you can actually win in 1-3 sessions. Winning gives you access to the stack's password, so you can use the stack as a template for your own games. Freeware. Because all of the action can be done by mouse clicks and only graphics appear onscreen, the teacher needs to assign tasks such as taking notes and writing what happened in order for language learning to occur.

Immigrants Stack

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This is a series of HyperCard stacks that create a simulation of life in early America for an Irish immigrant family. Students choose their occupation and other background information about themselves as Irish immigrants; this influences the things that happen to them in the course of the simulation. The program includes a lot of suggestions for related off-computer activities, so doing the whole thing can take several hours to days of activity.

Inigo Gets Out
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Info from: Healey

This is an engaging picture story about the adventures of the cat Inigo. In each frame, learners choose which way the cat will go next and see what happens. Since the program is strictly graphical, language learning tasks such as collaborating to choose the next action or writing a story about what happened to Inigo must be set by the teacher.

Lunch Break
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: catalog

For students learning or reviewing basic mathematics and skills for daily living. Requires HyperCard.

Martin Luther King Videodisc
Publisher: Optical Data
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT

This offers historical footage from ABC News as well as still photos and text about the life of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. Clips of young adults talking about the effect of the Movement on their lives today are also included. The program consists of a double-sided videodisc controlled by a HyperCard stack. There are extensive options for viewing, including with accompanying text, in Spanish or English, or in clips to copy to a videotape. Because the options are numerous, students will probably need an introduction to the program by a teacher. For best language learning results, the teacher should give students information gathering or information transfer tasks to perform.

The strength of the program is in the large quantity of information provided in a hypertext format that allows movement among ideas.

Mystery Mazes
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Intermediate For: K-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Detective adventure that students use reasoning and note-taking skills to solve. CD-ROM or floppy disk-based.

Net Trek
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

A "Star Trek" type of adventure game designed to be played interactively over a network, but also works on a standalone machine. For language learning, this works best if learners are assigned tasks such as collaborative decision-making, note-taking, writing up strategies, or describing what happened in writing.

Oregon Trail
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Students make decisions following a simulated trip along the Oregon Trail. The program has excellent graphics and a lot of information is presented on screen in the course of the simulation. This lends itself to use in cooperative learning plans where each student in a team has responsibility for monitoring different information. There are a lot of resources about this period such as pioneer journals that can be used effectively in conjunction with this program. Having the students keep a journal of their simulated trip also works well as an extension activity.

Road Atlas
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This shows cities on a map of the US. The user clicks on the beginning and end point, and the program recommends a route and says the mileage. A reference of sorts for those planning a real or imaginary road trip. Because no language is built into the program, a teacher needs to set a task for learners to profit from this linguistically.

Save Princeton
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This text-based adventure game would be especially amusing for those at or near Princeton, but it contains useful vocabulary for any university-oriented students. No "bells and whistles" or graphics here, just plain text reading on the screen and abbreviated commands. When it says "More," press the spacebar to continue.

This works best with several people collaborating in teams to look up unknown words in the readings, map where they've been, track what happens in each place, and help make decisions about what to try next.

Sherlock Holmes, Consulting Detective, V. III
Publisher: ICOM Simulations
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

The third of a series of whodunits to solve, this is a challenging puzzle for advanced learners. Stories are based on Sherlock Holmes adventures and students can use many different types of clues to try to solve the mysteries. The CD offers audio conversations to listen to, newspapers to read, and a wealth of other information—if students know where to look for it. A cluebook is also included. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

SimCity Classic
Publisher: Maxis Software
See also Broderbund, Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (5:6/1989); Taylor; Jones; Langford

In this city simulation, learners plan and manage a city through periods of growth, recession, and various natural disasters. Getting started takes a fair bit of time and teacher work to prepare students, even at advanced levels. Once learners know the basics, however, the activity is very engaging. This works best as a group activity since many different areas need simultaneous attention to avoid the city's financial collapse and/or physical destruction.
Other variations include SimEarth, SimAnt, SimCity 2000, SimTown, and SimTower. SimTown is described below.

SimTown
Publisher: Maxis Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A CD-ROM based simulation where students build and manage a small town. The program features animated graphics showing people in houses, buildings and around town. Students can even design the citizens of the town--the kinds of clothes they wear, where they eat, where they go each day etc. As the town grows it uses up water and produces garbage so teams of students need to negotiate how they will keep their town growing and healthy.

Stock Game
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Business
Info from: Healey

This program features 30 stocks from which the user can make (or lose) a fortune. Learners decide what to buy and when to sell; the program computes gains and losses. This is best for pairs or small groups with tasks set by the teacher, since there is not a great deal of on-screen reading.

Village
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

Another adventure-style game, but with reading/vocab more useful for ESL and with a visual interface ($15 shareware).

Wagon Train 1848
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

An update of the popular Oregon Trail simulation with excellent color graphics. The unique feature of this program is that it runs on a network providing a setting for cooperative learning among students. Each computer on the network takes the role of a wagon in a wagon train. Students need to communicate with each other over the network, making decisions about when to stop and rest, when to stop and hunt, which route to take. etc.The same reading and writing extension activities described for the Oregon Trail simulation can be used productively with this program.

Wator
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Science
Info from: Healey

Start with a user-specified number of fish and sharks or use the default, then see what happens over time in terms of the two populations. The program shows graphically and in graphs the changes in size of the two populations relative to each other. Advanced math lovers may want to figure out the algorithm used by the program to determine the change over time. Since this is mostly graphical, the language tasks need to be set by the teacher. This would work well as one part of a report on how natural populations influence each other or to practice reporting an experiment with controlled variables.

Where in the World /USA/ Europe/America's Past/Time is Carmen Sandiego?
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Carrier, Thrush, Jones; CD (4:7/1988); STDOT

Detective mystery/ adventure. Students need to use travel, geographic, and historical clues to solve the mystery. Geographic Carmens come with the World Atlas as a reference for student use.

WhoKilledJFK
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

Information, including a QuickTime clip, about the Kennedy assassination. It would make a good supplement to the film JFK. This needs a hard drive and QuickTime to run right.

GRAMMAR

20 Minute Practice
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog
Each exercise is designed for 20 minutes of practice on a single grammar topic.

50 TOEFL SWE Grammar Tests
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: catalog
50 practice tests from Section 2, Structure and Written Expression.

Active and Passive Forms
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren
TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Advanced Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, catalog
For advanced levels, there are three separate disks on 1) definite and indefinte articles, 2) run-on's and fragments, and 3) the meanings of prepositions. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Basic Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Algren
These are single disk programs designed for 20 minute practice sessions. Each program focuses on a particular grammatical problem for low to intermediate level students. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation.

Browser
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey
View-only concordancer; you can't export concordances to create exercises. This is most useful as a classroom tool to explain vocabulary or grammar use through examples. The program builds an index, which takes a while, but subsequent searches are very fast.

Definite and Indefinite Articles
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams, N. Johnson
Explanations and practice with the use of a, an, the and no article. The student is presented with explanations of the use of articles, followed by practice exercises. Rules for the usage of proper nouns are also given. If the student cannot do the practice, s/he can go to a review of the rules. In a final review, paragraphs are presented using the definite, indefinite or no article with explanations to why they are used or not. Finally, a paragraph is given and students fill in the blank with the correct article. A test is provided at the end of the practice exercises and the test scores can be printed for teacher reference.

English Grammar Computerized I and II

Publisher: Lingo Fun
Level: Beginning For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Wachman

A pair of programs designed for review of and practice in applying grammar rules. The core of both modules consists of drill-type grammar exercises. Users choose "topics" (e.g. "present progressive") and "lessons" (e.g. "spelling 'ing' forms," "negatives," etc.) via menus. The program gives immediate feedback after each answer, including symbolic notation indicating types of errors and reminders of rules. After three incorrect attempts, the program gives the correct answer. Points are awarded based on the number of tries before the correct answer is given. At any time, menus may be used to access program instructions and extensive reviews of rules with examples. Program I includes topics such as the verb "to be," present, simple past, and future tenses, modals, pronouns, and comparatives. Program II includes present perfect, periphrastic modals, passives, and conditionals. Students who like to drill themselves enjoy working individually or in pairs in a laboratory setting. Teachers can assign review and practice based on individual need.

English Troubleshooters

Publisher: Bodine, Jay F.
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Info from: CJ (1:2/1990); Snyder

Authoring system for fill-in-the blank and structural transformation drills.

Firsthand Access

Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's *English Firsthand* series, combines an easily recognizable progression of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation points with a variety of interactive exercises to create a multimedia language-learning environment. The course includes over one hundred listening-based activities, using CD-quality sound and animated graphics to engage and motivate students.

Fish Trek: An Adventure in Articles

Publisher: Prentice-Hall Regents
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Designed as a companion for *The Article Book*, this software provides a comprehensive guide for improving students' understanding and use of English articles. Featuring an arcade-style game format the program provides students with a practice section, ten instructional levels on articles, practice of article usage in sentence and paragraph contexts, and a print option which allows teachers and students to receive a copy of any of the texts used in the games. There is also a Make-a-Quiz feature that generates quizes at all ten levels of difficulty. The program can be used effectively by itself or in conjunction with the book.

For Grammar Review

Publisher: Teletext
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

9 disks; 12 lessons with 2 sets of exercises each; find the error and sentence completion.

Gerunds

Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Includes exercises on gerund phrases, complements, adverbial and adjective modifiers, possessive use with gerunds. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Algren, catalog

Covers grammar points in several disks. For low and high intermediate levels, there are separate disks on each of the following: irregular verbs, phrases used with count/non count nouns, practice with prepositions, subject verb agreement, practicing with adjectives, practicing with past tense of irregular verbs, and verb phrases.

HyperFlashcards ESL
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Quick flashcards for review and remediation. Grammar topics include subject/verb agreement, verb tense, fragments etc. Requires HyperCard.

Information Type Questions
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Practice with WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY as question words and with the expressions HOW MANY, HOW MUCH, and HOW OFTEN. Students should have some understanding of count and non-count nouns before using the second lesson. The practice lessons give an answer statement, then ask the student to type the first word of the question.

Intermediate Grammar Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren

Three separate disks: 1) Practicing with Adjectives 2) Practicing with Past Tense of Irregular Verbs 3) Verb Phrases. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Irregular Verbs
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

This is a 3-disk program providing practice material on principal parts of 90 irregular verbs. The program is designed to help students remember the principal parts of the verbs.

Meanings of Prepositions, The
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Prepositions with examples for each meaning ("into," for example, has 4 meanings). After all 6 prepositions are presented, a practice exercise follows. Students can choose to take a test consisting of 15 fill-in-the blank questions.

Modifiers: Adjectives
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Includes exercises on use of adjectives, different kinds of adjectives, nouns used as adjectives, comparison of adjectives. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Modifiers: Adverbs
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Exercises include forms of adverbs, NO and NOT, interrogative adverbs, comparison of adverbs, special cases, and double negatives. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Paragraphs
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

This is a set of 4 programs designed to help the student understand the paragraph form. They deal with such basic matters as proper indentation, for low intermediate level, to the more complex discipline of organizing paragraphs according to various patterns.

Parlance Grammar
Publisher: Parlance Software
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Plain ESL grammar tutorial and drill divided into 180 lessons representing 959 grammar rules. Each rule is accompanied by specific examples showing proper and improper construction. Designed for adult learners. Each lesson is supported by two sets of exercises. The first exercise requires students to choose the incorrect form among four examples of the rule applied in a multi-sentence context. The second exercise is a multiple-choice, fill-in the blank. This program is of most use for students who are interested in a systematic approach to grammar instruction or who need careful review of specific grammar points.

Participles
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Includes exercises on participle forms, phrases, modifiers and complements, dangling participles, and misplaced modifiers. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Patterns of Sentences
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams

Drills kinds of sentences, inverted order, questions, imperatives. etc. Designed for native speakers.

Phrases Used with Count and Non-Count Nouns
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Tutorial and practice exercise on count and non-count nouns. A list of the modifying words and phrases used with count and non-count nouns is shown. Two practice exercises follow: a noun and modifying word or phrase, and count and non-count nouns in complete sentences.

Play Ball
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This is a TOEFL grammar drill with a baseball overlay. Learners can choose the "Minor Leagues" (beginning to intermediate) or the "Major Leagues" (intermedate to advanced) to start, working their way through different degrees of difficulty within each "league." The questions are multiple choice or choose-the-incorrect-answer. Three mistakes means that the student has struck out and must start back with no points/runs. The learner can choose to resume where s/he struck out or go back and repeat some of the previous material.

Students may need some help knowing what to click on to get started, but should be able to work through the program on their own after that. Teachers should encourage students to look at the explanations for the answers, both correct and incorrect.

Practice with Prepositions
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren
Drill and practice designed to give students repeated exposure to prepositions in the context of sentences. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Practicing with Adjectives
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog
Two disks. Lessons and practice on the comparative and superlative forms of 15 adjectives. The second disk gives practice in using adjectives ending in -FUL,-IVE,-ABLE,-Y (such as harmFUL,informatIVE, believABLE and sandY). Each disk is divided into 2 lessons and a test.

Practicing with Phrases
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog
Two disks. Practice in recognizing the four types of phrases: prepositional, infinitive, participle, and gerund. Each disk provides a pretest, a lesson, and a unit test.

Practicing with the Past Tense of Irregular Verbs
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog
Two disks. Past tense of 36 irregular verbs. Use is also made of adverbs of frequency. Each disk provides a test over all the lessons on that disk.

Prepositional Phrases
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams
Includes adjectival and adverbial phrases, use and position, phrasal prepositions. Drill program designed for native speakers.

Questions Series
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, catalog
There are three disks dealing with questions. The first disk covers yes/no questions and is appropriate for high beginning and intermediate levels. Disk two deals with tag questions and is for beginning and low intermediate levels. The third disk includes information type questions, to be used with low and high intermediate levels.

Run-On's and Fragments
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog; Algren
Shows correct methods of joining an introductory dependent clause to main clause and use of the semicolon in joining two independent clauses. Created by ESL teachers for ESL students, each program is set up for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Subject-Verb Agreement (Tutor Tapes)
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Tutorials, practice exercises, and tests on subject-verb agreement.

Three ESL Games

Publisher: Computer Assisted Learning
Level: For:
Info from: CJ (2:1/1991); Taylor

Text manipulation programs.

Using the Colon

Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Brief tutorial on using the colon, focusing on lists and the places where the colon is often incorrectly used, such as after prepositions and verbs. There are three parts in this program: the lesson, a practice exercise, and a 15-question test.

Using the Comma

Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Three disks. Using the comma in sentences with adverbial clauses, participle and infinitive phrases, and parenthetical words; in compound sentences and series; and with certain adjective clauses and appositives. Includes brief tutorials, lessons, practice exercises, 15-question test.

Using the Semi-Colon

Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

Brief tutorial on using the semi-colon to join sentences. Situations where the semi-colon is incorrectly used are also noted. There are three parts in this program: the lesson, a practice exercise, and a 15-question test.

Verb Flash Cards

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

HyperCard-based flashcard format for irregular verb practice. This is a simple program that has learners see a sentence such as "John eats bananas" and respond to a timeword prompt such as "Yesterday John ____ bananas" by typing the correct verb form. The beginning version has present, past, and future; the intermediate version adds present and past perfect tenses.

Verb Phrases

Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Algren, catalog

Gives students practice in using verb phrases. Combinations include IN (fill, turn in, fall in) AT (stare at, look at, get at) and also BACK, OVER, DOWN, UP, ON, OFF, and OUT.

TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Writing Sentences: Unscrambling Words

Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

This program gives a student practice in forming simple sentences by unscrambling words. There are three levels of difficulty; each level contains 24 sentences.

Yes/No Questions

Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Algren

Lessons are divided into three types: 1) BE as the main verb, 2) BE as an auxiliary verb, and 3) DO or DOES. The structures of the answers and the questions are compared. TutorTapes disks are created by ESL teachers for ESL students. Each program is designed for repetitive practice after a brief introductory explanation. Most programs run about 20 minutes.

Your Personal Trainer for the SAT

Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Special use: science, TOEFL
Info from: catalog

SAT practice questions, test-taking strategies. Ranks practice scores with those of incoming freshmen nationwide.

LISTENING

Aesop's Fables
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Info from: Higgins

Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Allows reading and hypertext browsing through the complete text of the fables. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

All Clear! Idioms in Context
Publisher: Heinle & Heinle
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto, Wachman; CJ 4:4 1993/94

A HyperCard program (4 disks worth) which supplements an idioms book by the same name. The program contains spoken versions of the dialogs in the book with a variety of discrete listening and vocabulary exercises accompanying each. The program is easy to use and generates a lot of enthusiasm for a sometimes neglected area of oral skills. A color version now exists.

American Civil Rights Movement
Publisher: CEL
See also Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive video, closed-captioned in English and Spanish. Requires a laserdisc player with a computer interface.

Animals and How They Grow
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Animals and How They Grow children explore the life cycle of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and insects. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble
Publisher: Broderbund
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N. Johnson

An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Bio Sci II
Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Nystrom Corp.
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax. Available in CD-ROM format.

Bio Sci II Elementary
Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: K-6 (3-6)
Special use: Science, bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax. Available in CD-ROM format.

Bite to Eat, A
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: catalog

A restaurant order listening game. Students listen to restaurant orders and ring them up on a simulated cash register. Realistically introduces students to practical English in context. HyperCard required.

Cell Biology
Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Cell ebration
Publisher: Science for Kids
See also Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Science, elementary
Info from: catalog

A thematic science curriculum on the Cell for K-6 classrooms in English and Spanish. Requires a CD-ROM drive. Students play the computer-based game "What's alive?," learn about magnification (The program comes with a microscope and pre-stained slides.), learn about cells from the scientists who first developed microscopes and discovered cells (Anton van Leeuwenhoek and Robert Hooke), and design "new" cells based on what they've learned in the lessons..

Chemistry at Work
Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Cinderella
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Clinton Debate
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Duber

This lesson is based on excerpts from one of the Presidential debates with B. Clinton, G. Bush and R. Perot. Its focus is on listening comprehension, though there are a fair amount of reading, writing and discussion elements to boot. It is designed to play on any Macintosh computer running system 6 or higher, with QuickTime (a freeware extension) installed and 4 Mb of free RAM. A 12" monitor set to display 256 colors would be nice (though not essential). This is a freeware lesson suitable for use in a language lab with a teacher though it can be modified for self-access study. Worksheets are provided in *Word* and *Teach Text* format.

Community Exploration
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Wachman

A very fine, inexpensive CD about different survival topics.

Computer Camp
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Duber

This lesson is based on a TV news report about an actual computer camp for kids in Santa Clara, California. (I have gotten permission from the Assistant News Director at the network to use the lesson in my own classes, at presentations, and to distribute it to other teachers as freeware, e.g., over the Internet). It includes a QuickTime control bar for the sound which is synchronized to a color slide-show of key images from the report and a scrolling text field in which the learners type their answers. Handouts are provided in Word and Teach Text format. They include comprehension questions, a cloze exercise, highlighted vocabulary, and a complete transcript -- together with b/w images taken from the report.

The lesson will run on any Mac running system 6 or 7 with 4 Mb (or more) of free RAM and with QuickTime installed. A color monitor (14" or bigger) or a PowerBook display are also necessary.

Creepy Crawlies
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Advanced For: all but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

A multimedia guide to 74 lower order animals. Includes narration in English or French, video clips and full family tree information. Requires an MPC machine with a CD-ROM drive.

Dictation A and B; C and D
Publisher: SpeakWare
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult, HE
Info from: catalog

Listen to 16 different dialogues and then use each dialogue as a cloze test and a dictation test. Two disks--Disk A is about food; Disk B covers workplace. Both disks concentrate on reduced speech (want to/wanna). Color.

Directions
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey

Students are presented with a birds-eye view of a neighborhood. They need to follow the spoken directions (digitized sound) and click on the correct house. Good low-level listening comprehension, especially with external speakers or headphones. This is a free program.

Dynamic Classic: A Christmas Carol
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp)

Dramatized retelling of Dickens' classic on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Alice in Wonderland
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp); literacy

Spoken narrative and colorful animation on CD-ROM with language exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Multimedia approach develops listening, reading, and vocabulary skills. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Robin Hood
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap); literacy

Eighteen lessons on CD-ROM with spoken narrative and colorful graphics. Exercises and on-line comprehension aids, including written text, spoken translation, and contextual glossaries. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Round the World in 80 Days
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Japanese)

Colorful graphics and dramatized narration on CD-ROM supported by comprehension and vocabulary exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Special focus on time expressions and verb tenses. Voice recording.

Dynamic English
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning, Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr)
Info from: N. Johnson, McKee

Three-level listening-based course on 6 CD-ROMs. Primary focus is on basic language concepts. In each lesson, information is presented via sound and graphics with text, glossary, speech record, and repetition always available to the student. Follow-up exercises include Questions generated by the student by clicking on icons or words from the lesson; Matrix Game in which the student accrues points for correctly answering questions using vocabulary presented in the lesson; Dictation exercises requiring the student to listen carefully to a series of sentences from the lesson and select words from a list and place them in the gaps in the sentences; Fill-in exercises where missing words are placed in sentences from the lesson. Grammatical and lexical knowledge is reinforced in all games and exercises along with listening comprehension. An additional feature of the DynEd courseware is the ability of the program to adjust to the level of difficulty of the questions to the student's demonstrated level of proficiency. Suitable to be used as primary course material, supplemental resource, or self-access material in a language lab (index of lessons lends itself well to self-paced instruction). Dynamic English can also be a valuable tool for ice-breaking or generating conversation as 2-3 students work together to answer the questions.

Ecodisc
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: science, bilingual (13 languages)
Info from: catalog

A simulation of a nature reserve. Students can explore the reserve from within five different programs on this CD-based program. They can do Walk Around the Reserve, Future View of 50 Years of Data, see Sample Information on Species, do Consulting the Experts, and finally do Planning and Managing the Reserve. The whole program is recorded on the CD in 13 different European languages.

Fogg City Adventure
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
 Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: Gr 6-12
Info from: Healey; STDOT

In this interactive fiction adventure from Phil Hubbard, learners listen to and try to follow spoken directions (digitized sound) to find places on a map. They interact with passers-by, clerks, and others to solve a puzzle. Bad choices can result in unfortunate consequences, as they do in the real world. This works best when learners collaborate to discuss their plan of action.

Folktales Series: Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, & Pecos Bill

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Each book contains two dramatic readings of the text--one by an adult and one by a child narrator, songs in support of the story, highlighting of text as it is read, variable speeds in the reading, access to pronunciation and definitions for key words in the story and a Spanish language translation of the whole story and word by word.

Forces and Motion

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

Students explore the concepts and learn the calculations of force and motion. The program includes interviews with great men of science such as Galileo, Sir Isaac Newton and Elijah McCoy. The lessons incorporate video, digitized audio in either Spanish or English, photographs, music and animation. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Functioning in Business

Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Special use: business
Info from: catalog

These interactive videodiscs and CD-ROM's are for pre-intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on language functions such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. The story is presented in full-motion video, supported by color graphics, audio, text and native language translation. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

Heather Hits Her First Home Run

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverence and team spirit. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

HyperAce Advanced

Publisher: Athelstan
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Bradin

Listening comprehension exercises running under HyperCard. Provides extensive sentence-level practice in listening to the types of speech which students are expected to comprehend in an academic setting. Learners listen to a question recorded in high-quality, digitized native speech and choose an appropriate graphic as the answer or type in the correct response. Textual reinforcement is presented only after the student has responded. Suitable for classroom work or independent study. In a laboratory setting, headsets are recommended. 14 disk set.

Inform
Publisher: MacEnglish Learning Systems
See also DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Adato

Each lesson of the program is built around a day to day topic, like TV or tipping. The lesson begins with an "article" (factual information in a few paragraphs, nicely divided into screens with illustrations) then there is a dialogue related to the topic and finally a quiz (with two possible levels of difficulty to choose from).

Interactive Business English
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Chi, Sp, It), business
Info from: Wachman, McKee

Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills students need to operate successfully in today's workplace/international business situation. This content-based program begins witha Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated "shuffler level" which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge.

Invention: Mastering Sound
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc describing how inventions were created that revolutionized how we communicate at work and at play. Mini-documentaries spotlight such famous inventors as Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison and more. The soundtrack can be played in either Spanish or English. Software-based lessons are optional.

Just Grandma and Me
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources, Wida
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Wachman; STDOT

This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed onscreen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in "play" mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical respones to their mouse clicks.

ListenPro!
Publisher: SpeakWare
Level: Advanced For: 7-12,HE
Info from: catalog

An exam preparation program that readies students for the listening portion of tests like TOEFL. Requires 6MB on hard drive and a minimum of 2MB RAM. In color.

Long Hard Day at the Ranch, A
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Written in the form of a letter home, this tale shows how a young boy imagines spending days at his aunt and uncle's ranch, while illustrations show the mundane reality. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Lost Secret, The
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Wachman

BBC English's mystery is presented in full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Available now on videodisc/CD-ROM. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

Madison Stories, Episode One: After the Auction
Publisher: Blair Gano and Associates
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-3
Info from: Healey

This offers CD-ROM based listening practice in the form of a story about a school fund-raiser. Students can listen to the story on three levels, with progressively longer and more idiomatic language at each level. Learners have the option of seeing the text as they listen. Different types of listening comprehension exercises are offered, including matching phrases and pictures and following spoken instructions. Students can work on the program without a teacher's help. While the program will run on a monochrome monitor, some of the exercises are unreadable except on a color screen.

Martin Luther King Videodisc
Publisher: Optical Data
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT

This offers historical footage from ABC News as well as still photos and text about the life of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. Clips of young adults talking about the effect of the Movement on their lives today are also included. The program consists of a double-sided videodisc controlled by a HyperCard stack. There are extensive options for viewing, including with accompanying text, in Spanish or English, or in clips to copy to a videotape. Because the options are numerous, students will probably need an introduction to the program by a teacher. For best language learning results, the teacher should give students information gathering or information transfer tasks to perform.The strength of the program is in the large quantity of information provided in a hypertext format that allows movement among ideas.

McGee Series
Publisher: Lawrence Productions
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Designed to encourage exploration and language development. Incorporates animation and digitized sound. Includes *McGee*, *Katie's Farm*, and *McGee at the Fun Fair*.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little grl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Night Before Christmas, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish of the famous Christmas poem. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an online glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

On Dry Land: The Desert Biome
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc about the deserts. Software can be purchased separately.

Paper Bag Princess, The

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A delightful tale of how a princess learns an important lesson about love when her castle is destroyed by a dragon. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Physics at Work

Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 9-12, HE
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Planet Earth: The Blue Planet

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering the relationship of the earth's oceans to its atmosphere. Students also examine the role that humans play in our changing climate patterns. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English and the video includes closed-captioning. Software can be purchased separately for additional lessons.

Planet Earth: The Force Within

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering such topics as: plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes and the creation of precious minerals. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English. Software can be purchased separately.

Playroom, The

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Early Learning software. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow.

Promise is a Promise, A

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Pronunciation Plus
Publisher: MacEnglish Learning Systems
See also DynEd International
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Adato

Requires CD-ROM drive. The best part seems to be the listening discrimination part focusing on minimal pairs. The oral production part I think will be too confusing. Students can work individually on their own listening discrimination problems. The feedback for pronunciation is not good. Students have the option of recording their pronunciation and then comparing it to the native speaker's (as shown in a line diagram). The problem is that no two native speakers' diagrams are the same.

Quick English
Publisher: Exceller Software
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Video-based multimedia instruction for the Mac on CD-ROM. This program provides 10 video lessons in conversational American English. Ten QuickTime movies are divided into two categories: Social Skills and Planning and Scheduling. Movies include Making Phone Calls, Introducing Yourself and Returning Compliments, and Changing an Appointment. For language labs or self-study.

Quick English: General 1
Publisher: LinguaTech
Level: Beginning For: Adult
Info from: catalog

CD-ROM based lessons with a survival English focus. Uses QuickTime for dialogues. Includes some language games.

Rosetta Stone, The
Publisher: Fairfield Language Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: McVicker, N. Johnson, Wachman

Comprehensive second language tutorial program. Students see a picture and hear the word/ phrase/sentence with the text optionally turned on or off. After seeing/hearing a set of four the program drills comprehension by presenting the audio cue to which the student selects the appropriate picture. The program includes a listening dictation feature. Students can also record their own voices. This program can be used as a stand alone tutorial for very low level students although they may need some help learning to use the computer interface initially. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Scary Poems for Rotten Kids
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Poems designed to thrill and amuse children using unorthodox style and outlandish vocabulary. The reading speed can be adjusted for ESL students.

Science Discovery
Publisher: Videodiscovery
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 6-8
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc with English and Spanish tracks. Optional companion software published as MediaMax.

Somebody Catch My Homework
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of 18 poems about school life. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Sound Sentences
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy

10 different disk sets on survival topics, purchased separately. Students can see pictures, hear a sentence with digitized speech, and reconstruct the sentence. Requires Ani-Vox I/O Board, Tandy voice chip, Covox, Digispeech, or Sound Blaster.

Tale of Benjamin Bunny, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Companion story to The Tale of Peter Rabbit, this one tells what happens when Peter and his cousin Benjamin attempt to retrieve Peter's clothes from Mr. McGreggor's garden. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tale of Peter Rabbit, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic children's story about what happens to a child that doesn't obey his mother is presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Telephone Talk 1&2
Publisher: Libra Multimedia
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

Requires CD-ROM drive. British English. Almost 100 dialogues for listening and speaking practice.

Tell-Tale Heart, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic Edgar Allan Poe story about a murderer and his guilty conscience presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This program features two dramatic readings of the text, analysis of every word in the text according to grammatical part of speech, an on-line commentary on the story with discussion questions and a literary discussion of Poe's techniques.

Thomas' Snowsuit
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tortoise and the Hare
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Using Money and Making Change
Publisher: Orange Cherry/New Media Schoolhouse
Level: Beginning For: All

Teaches basic money and math skills using digitized audio and color graphics. Includes the simulation, "If You Ran a Cookie Shop."

VOA News Lesson
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE
Info from: Jim Duber

This lesson is based on an excerpt of a Voice of America news broadcast. Its focus is on listening comprehension, though it includes reading, writing, vocabulary, and discussion elements as well. It is designed to play on any Macintosh computer running system 6 or higher, with QuickTime (a freeware extension) installed and 4 Mb of free RAM (though 2.5 Mb should be enough with this one). A 12" monitor set to display 256 colors would be nice (though not essential). This is a freeware lesson suitable for use in a language lab with a teacher (though it can be modified for self-access study). Worksheets are provided in *Word* and *Teach Text* format.

PRONUNCIATION

Accent Improvement
Publisher: SpeakWare
See also Athelstan
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Info from: ESL Technology User's Guide

This three-disk Hypercard-based program uses computer animation to show the articulation points of English sounds. Students can practice the discrimination of sounds through the use of nearly 300 minimal pairs.

American Accent Program 5.0
Publisher: Ford Language Institute
See also Delta Systems
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: catalog

An ESL pronunciation tutor. This program takes students step-by-step through the pronunciation of all American English sounds. Requires 40MB hard drive, 8MB of memory, and doublespeed CD-ROM. Requires System 7 for Mac. IBM version runs on Windows.

Cat Came Back, The
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

Stories can be read in English, French, or Spanish. Students can record and play back their voices while pronouncing any of the 1311 words in the story. They can also sing along to the story's song and create and their own stories with graphics.

A teacher's manual is included, with lesson plans, worksheets, and blackline masters.

Firsthand Access
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's *English Firsthand* series, combines an easily recognizable progression of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation points with a variety of interactive exercises to create a multimedia language-learning environment. The course includes over one hundred listening-based activities, using CD-quality sound and animated graphics to engage and motivate students.

Fluency Practice
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Info from: Healey; STDOT

This HyperCard-based interactive pronunciation tutorial is designed to teach ESL students English intonation and stress. Tutorials include information about stress and intonation patterns in English. The exercises and tests stress content words, contrasting sentences and comprehension drills.

Inform
Publisher: MacEnglish Learning Systems
See also DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Adato

Each lesson of the program is built around a day-to-day topic, like TV or tipping. The lesson begins with an "article" (factual information in a few paragraphs, nicely divided into screens with illustrations), then there is a dialogue related to the topic, and finally a quiz with two possible levels of difficulty to choose from.

Mac Second Language
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: catalog

HyperCard-based program uses recorded speech to teach a second language. Students listen to instructor's voice, record their own conversation, and play it back.

Sounds of English
Publisher: Irvine Interactive
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Vowels and consonant sounds of American English. Match and Concentration games. Students can record and compare their own voices to that of a digitized native speaker's.

Speech Animator
Publisher: Intellimation
Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE
Info from: Langford

A visual and auditory tool that illustrates point and manner of articulation. Digitized sounds are played and animated by clicking on IPA or diacritic symbols. Possible spellings in English are shown on pop-up fields. Students can select two levels of quizzing on sound spelling combinations.

READING

10 Steps to College Reading Series
Publisher: Townsend Press
Level: Beginning, Intermediate
Info from: McKee For: All but K-6
Native-speaker reading-skills tests available to use with texts of the same name, same publisher, but can be purchased and used without the text. Includes exercises in Dictionary Use, Vocabulary in Context, Main Ideas, Supporting Details, and Outlining, Fact and Opinion, Purpose and Tone, Argument, and Recognizing Propaganda Techniques. Multiple choice reading tests with feedback give an explanation of the correct answer only. The Building and Improving skills books are basic and general enough to be useful in preparation for the TOEFL. The Advanced tests can be effectively used in preparation for minimal-essential skills test frequently required of all entering freshmen in public institutions. Not authorable.

Ace Detective
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual
Info from: catalog
Students practice critical reading skills organizing information gained from texts and drawing conclusions.

Ace Reporter
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog
Students read "teletype" messages and conduct "phone interviews" to find answers to Who, What, When, Where and Why questions. Once their stories are complete they select the best headline for the story.

Aesop's Fables
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Info from: Higgins
Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Allows reading and hypertext browsing through the complete text of the fables. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Alphabet for Everyone
Publisher: Intellimation
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Bradin
A HyperCard stack with sound and pictures to teach letter recognition, alphabet order, and alphabet pronunciation.

AmandaStories
Publisher: Voyager Company
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog
Two graphic HyperCard adventures containing no text. Students select objects using the pointer, thereby determining the course of the story.

Amazon Trail
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, AE, HE
Info from: Baltra

Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development.

American Civil Rights Movement
Publisher: CEL
See also Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive video, closed-captioned in English and Spanish. Requires a laserdisc player with a computer interface.

American Profile
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

Multiple-choice quiz on Americana. If the answer is incorrect, the correct answer is not given, so students need to be told to take notes and go through the quiz more than once (frustrating, but maybe useful that way). Requires HyperCard. Disk #54.

Animals and How They Grow
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Animals and How They Grow children explore the life cycle of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and insects. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble
Publisher: Broderbund
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N. Johnson

An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Bilingual Reading Comprehension
Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

A reading comprehension program in Spanish and English that features immediate on-screen translation of stories into either language. It features 36 stories with colorful graphics. The Mac version includes audio capability for students to hear key words translated into either language.

Cat Came Back, The
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

Stories can be read in English, French, or Spanish. Students can record and play back their voices while pronouncing any of the 1311 words in the story. They can also sing along to the story's song and create and their own stories with graphics.

A teacher's manual is included, with lesson plans, worksheets, and blackline masters.

Cinderella
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Interactive reading and listening activity in either English or Spanish. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Community Exploration
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Wachman

A very fine, inexpensive CD about different survival topics.

Computer Mad Libs
Publisher: First Byte Software
See also Davidson & Assoc
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Info from: catalog

Eight basic stories allow students to enter names, nouns, adjectives, and numbers to fill in the blanks.

Culture 2.0
Publisher: Cultural Resources
See also Wm.C.Brown, Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

This hypermedia guide to Western civilization offers extensive information with text and graphics for student or teacher use. It works best if loaded onto a hard drive, since it comes on a great many separate disks.

CulturGrams
Publisher: Digital Libraries
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: CD (5:4/1989)

These are readings for the VersaText (hypertext) program about customs in different countries. This is similar to information that comes from the US Department of State—it includes basic information about climate, population, religion, and some cultural do's and dont's.

Decimal & Fraction Maze
Publisher: Great Wave Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Includes eight math curricula,with up to 70 levels each, and covers 18 math skills. Spanish/English version allows each student to see and hear problems in Spanish or English, or to switch between languages at any time.

Destination: Mars!
Publisher: Compu-Teach
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: science
Info from: Milton

A space adventure science activity.

Diascriptive Reading I, II, III, IV
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: N. Johnson

An interactive reading tutorial designed for native speakers of English both children and adults. The program is diagnostic, prescriptive and developmental. The instruction focuses on reading for details, inference, the main idea, vocabulary (synonoyms, multiple meanings, discovering meaning in context), identifying the sequential signals in a text, and distinguishing between fact and opinion. The program includes a glossary with definitions and computer pronunciation of the target words. Useful for ESL false beginners and above.

Early Games for Young Children
Publisher: Springboard Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: catalog

Nine games help children learn shapes, letters, addition and subtraction, drawing, and typing. IBM version requires CGA and 512K minimum.

Easy as ABC
Publisher: Springboard Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: catalog

Jumping frogs and buzzing bees challenge children as they learn letter recognition, alphabetical sequence, and upper- and lowercase letters. IBM version requires CGA and 512K minimum.

Easy Street
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Builds reading and math readiness skills. Teaches counting, classification and labeling. Optional CD-ROM format for MS-DOS and Macintosh.

Ecology Trek (formerly "Earthquest Explores Ecology")
Publisher: Magic Quest
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr)
Info from: Healey

Interactive games and simulations about environmental issues.

ESL-Ways to Read Words
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Info from: catalog

Reading exercises. Spanish to ESL.

Exploring the Solar System and Beyond
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Exploring the Solar System children blast off on an exciting simulated voyage through our solar system. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration.

Express Yourself
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: Gr 6-12
Info from: McVicker; STDOT

Interactive tutorial on freedoms of speech, press, assembly, petition, and religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the US Constitution. Geared toward American high school students.

Folktales Series: Paul Bunyan, Johnny Appleseed, & Pecos Bill
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Each book contains two dramatic readings of the text, one by an adult and one by a child narrator; songs in support of the story; highlighting of text as it is read; variable speeds in the reading; access to pronunciation and definitions for key words in the story; and a Spanish language translation of the whole story and word by word.

Gapmaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Alta
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Levy; Hurst

A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Graffiti One
Publisher: SpeakWare
See also Athelstan; Audio Forum
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Statan, Healey; STDOT

20 screen interactive reading based programs with digitized sound and graphics. Stories are suitable for older learners and they deal with contemporary topics. Students can read the passages in the story and hear the dialogue as well. There are built in cloze exercises for most of the screens. A set of exercises follow the story and include multiple choice (authorable), scanning, alphabetizing, dictation, and a hangman game. (For Macintosh Plus or better).

Heather Hits Her First Home Run
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This story is about how children feel in life's crucial moments, and shows the value of perseverence and team spirit.

Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

High Steps to Comprehension
Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: For: 4-9
Special use: Bilingual

An interactive reading program with 48 stories on topics of interest to middle school aged children. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

HyperStory
Publisher: D.C. Heath
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Hanson-Smith

This program goes with Charles May's collection of short stories, Fiction's Many Worlds. Students read the text in the book, then go to the HyperCard version. At crucial points in the text, they can click on a light bulb to get study questions, food for thought, etc. From there they can open a notebook and write answers. Toward the end of the story, they click open and choose a short writing assignment. For each of the 18 or so stories, they must print out their notes and their short writing assignment for the teacher to read--or e-mail them to him, or hand it over on disk. It gets every student responding to the story, so the class discussions are no longer "academic". Student comments seemed to run about 95% positive, and include things like, "I got so I could guess what the comments were going to be!" and "It brought attention to important details which would help me to better understand what the stories meant."

Immigrants Stack
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This is a series of HyperCard stacks that create a simulation of life in early America for an Irish immigrant family. Students choose their occupation and other background information about themselves as Irish immigrants; this influences the things that happen to them in the course of the simulation. The program includes a lot of suggestions for related off-computer activities, so doing the whole thing can take several hours to days of activity.

In the Print Shop
Publisher: SpeakWare
Level: Beginning For: 5-12, Adult
Special use: VESL
Info from: Statan, Healey

This is a HyperCard-based story about a young man with trouble at his printing job. The reader has some choice at the end in the direction the story will take. The readings have sound and graphics; students can test themselves with cloze exercises (they can listen to the passage again to get help) and dictations. The learner's score can be printed out before s/he quits the program. The content includes information about what employers value and what gets an employee into trouble.

Inform
Publisher: MacEnglish Learning Systems
See also DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Adato

Each lesson of the program is built around a day to day topic, like TV or tipping. The lesson begins with an "article" (factual information in a few paragraphs, nicely divided into screens with illustrations), then there is a dialogue related to the topic, and finally a quiz with two possible levels of difficulty to choose from.

Internet Tour 4.0.2

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: T, All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This is a HyperCard-based explanation of finding and retrieving information on the Internet. The program is helpful only if you are on the Internet network. It is written for native speakers, so the language level is relatively high. It could be used by students with some assistance from a teacher but may be best used by teachers to educate themselves.

Invention: Mastering Sound

Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc describing how inventions were created that revolutionized how we communicate at work and at play. Mini-documentaries spotlight such famous inventors as Samuel Morse, Alexander Graham Bell, Thomas Edison and more. The soundtrack can be played in either Spanish or English. Software-based lessons are optional.

Islamic History Stack

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This set of HyperCard stacks is a good reference for research on Islam and its impact on current events. The graphics are interesting and well-done. Students can navigate by topics or with a timeline through Islamic history. This would be a good discussion starter in classes with a mixture of Muslim and other students.

Just Grandma and Me

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources, Wida
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)
Info from: Wachman; STDOT

This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed onscreen (with text highlighted as it is read), or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in "play" mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical respones to their mouse clicks.

Kid Works 2 Bilingual

Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual, literacy
Info from: catalog

Allows children to create and illustrate their own stories which can be read back to them by the computer in English or Spanish. The program includes four components: Story Writer, Icon Maker, Story Illustrator, and Story Player. The built-in speech dictionary can be modified and additional words can be entered. Graphics can also be imported from other paint programs. This software can be used as a tool in language experience approach lessons.

Kids Time Deluxe
Publisher: Great Wave Software
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, literacy
Info from: catalog

This is a true multimedia program. With computer generated speech, graphics, writing, and pictures, children can discover and develop early learning skills. IBM version runs on Windows.

Language Experience Recorder
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources, Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: literacy
Info from: STDOT

A specialized word processing program with simple graphics and speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis. This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading.

Last Chance to See
Publisher: Voyager Company
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog, Milton

Over a dozen years ago, Douglas Adams wrote a book about the world being demolished. Adams traveled around the world, visiting endangered species. This two CD-ROM set is the detailed record of Adams' trek.

Learning the Alphabet Order
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: catalog

This drill gives the student practice in knowing the order of the alphabet. The student supplies the missing letter in a group of three letters that are shown in correct sequence.

Long Hard Day at the Ranch, A
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Written in the form of a letter home, this tale shows how a young boy imagines spending days at his aunt and uncle's ranch, while illustrations show the mundane reality. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Lost Secret, The
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Wachman

BBC English's mystery is presented in full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Available now on videodisc/CD-ROM. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

MacEnquirer
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

Generates random tabloid-style headlines. Needs HyperCard 2.1 to run correctly.

MacReader
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT

Paced and timed reading, sentence and paragraph sequencing, and other text reconstruction and vocabulary exercises form the basis of this versatile program. Underlying the program is a 5000 word dictionary which means that 90% of the vocabulary in any text are able to be accessed just by clicking on a word.

MacReader is authorable, which means it accepts readings or vocabulary from any text file. This is both an attraction and drawback. Since the program comes with only a small number of readings, teachers must gather or type in appropriate files for their students. However, as more copyright-free material becomes available on-line, this is becoming less of a hassle.

One of the program's finest features is its record-keeping which lets the students monitor their reading progress. For the money, it's tough to beat, and the program is regularly updated.

Martin Luther King Videodisc
Publisher: Optical Data
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT

This offers historical footage from ABC News as well as still photos and text about the life of Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement. Clips of young adults talking about the effect of the Movement on their lives today are also included. The program consists of a double-sided videodisc controlled by a HyperCard stack. There are extensive options for viewing, including with accompanying text, in Spanish or English, or in clips to copy to a videotape. Because the options are numerous, students will probably need an introduction to the program by a teacher. For best language learning results, the teacher should give students information gathering or information transfer tasks to perform. The strength of the program is in the large quantity of information provided in a hypertext format that allows movement among ideas.

Meaning of..., The
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: catalog

A HyperCard-based tool to help anyone learn words and their definitions.

Merz Poetry
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

Produces random art and occasionally fine haiku. Good for advanced learners as a writing spur.

Microsoft Musical Instruments
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: music
Info from: catalog

Requires CD-ROM drive. Contains articles on musical instruments as well as sound recordings by musicians.

Milliken Storyteller I
Publisher: Milliken Publishing
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Intermediate For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Three children's classics are read aloud, and children can interact with the characters and illustrations.

Moving Gives Me a Stomach Ache
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A warm and sensitive story exploring children's feelings about moving. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Mud Puddle
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A charming story about a little girl that is always attacked by a mud puddle, and how she responds. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

My Words
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6,Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: CD (4:6/1988), N. Johnson

Word-processor with speech capability (uses a speech synthesizer). Words are spoken as they appear on the screen. The computer stores a list of each user's words in a "word bank." Students can see or hear the words in the word bank in a window of the screen while doing additional word processing. Useful for Language Experience Approach activities.

National Geographic Society Wonders of Learning CD-ROMs
Publisher: National Geographic Society Educational Services
Level: Beginning For: K-2
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

This presents 36 books on eight CD-ROMs. Narrators read the stories, accompanied by background music and sound effects. Color photographs, word and syllable pronunciations in English and Spanish, and interactive picture buttons let students explore and learn. The features can be customized by teachers.

The stories are Exploring the Solar System and Beyond, Animals and How They Grow, Our Earth, People Behind the Holidays, Seasons, The Human Body, A World of Plants, and A World of Animals.

Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Navajo Vacation: Living in Two Worlds, A
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Grades 3-7 multicultural interest. Interactive story. Students respond to questions and write their thoughts.

Night Before Christmas, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish of the famous Christmas poem. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Northern Lights: The Soccer Trail
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families dealing with tragedy. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

On Dry Land: The Desert Biome
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc about the deserts. Software can be purchased separately.

Paper Bag Princess, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. A delightful tale of how a princess learns an important lesson about love when her castle is destroyed by a dragon. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

People Behind the Holidays
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In People Behind the Holidays children explore the real lives of the people we celebrate who helped to shape

America. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration.

Planet Earth: The Blue Planet
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering the relationship of the earth's oceans to its atmosphere. Students also examine the role that humans play in our changing climate patterns. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English and the video includes closed-captioning. Software can be purchased separately for additional lessons.

Planet Earth: The Force Within
Publisher: Laser Learning Technologies
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Science, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Interactive videodisc covering such topics as: plate tectonics, volcanoes, earthquakes and the creation of precious minerals. The sound track can be played in either Spanish or English. Software can be purchased separately.

Playroom, The
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Lab Software, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Early Learning software. Activities teach reading and math readiness, basic keyboarding. Has speech and is compatible with TouchWindow.

Primary Steps to Comprehension
Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual (8 languages)
Info from: catalog

An interactive reading program with 36 original stories written at 6 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Progressive Science Instruction
Publisher: Integrated Learning Systems
See also Erik Halsey
Level: Beginning For: 7-12
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: CJ (2:1/1991); Halsey

Computer-based science instruction for native speakers of Spanish learning English in secondary schools. Interactive video/hypermedia. Version 2.1 released in '94.

Promise is a Promise, A
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of an original story by Inuit storyteller Michael Kusugak about families working together to solve problems. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Scary Poems for Rotten Kids
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Poems designed to thrill and amuse children using unorthodox style and outlandish vocabulary. The reading speed can be adjusted for ESL students.

Seasons
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Seasons children experience the wonder of nature as they watch each season unfold. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows.

Sherlock Holmes, Consulting Detective, V. III
Publisher: ICOM Simulations
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

The third of a series of whodunits to solve, this is a challenging puzzle for advanced learners. Stories are based on Sherlock Holmes adventures and students can use many different types of clues to try to solve the mysteries. The CD offers audio conversations to listen to, newspapers to read, and a wealth of other information—if students know where to look for it. A cluebook is also included. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Smart Books
Publisher: Scholastic Software
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

True multi-media versions of four books: Exploring the Titanic, Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary, If Your Name Was Changed at Ellis Island, and Favorite Greek Myths. Each package includes a printed copy of the book and a CD-version of the book. The CD has the complete text so students can choose to read the text either off or on the screen. The CD also has an audio recording of the whole text so students can hear any part read, the complete American Heritage Dictionary so students can look-up any word with ease, a note-taking function so students can take notes on their readings and save them to disk and a collection of auxiliary information related to each book. For example, in Exploring the Titanic students can see animated recreations of the disaster, see actual interviews with the survivors talking about their experiences, and watch video footage of the search for and exploration of the sunken ship.

Somebody Catch My Homework
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

Uses dramatic narration by both an adult and a child of 18 poems about school life. A click of the mouse reveals the pronunciation of any word, its meaning in context or a Spanish translation. Clicking on many of the objects in the illustrations produces visual and audio "labels" to enhance student understanding.

Speed Reader
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin, Healey

This native speaker speed reading program includes letter and word recognition, eye movement and column reading exercises, as well as various readings-- including ones about improving reading speed. Data disks at different grade levels are also available, but nothing ESL-specific. Texts can be added by using the authoring component (not simply by using a word-processed file).

Steps to Comprehension
Publisher: EPC
See also Educational Resources
Level: For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary

An interactive reading program with 90 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

Stickybear's Reading Room
Publisher: Weekly Reader
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: N. Johnson

Teaches pre-reading and basic reading skills in both English and Spanish. Exercises include match the word, find the word, and build a sentence. Activities use colorful animation and digitized speech.

Storyboard
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT

Whole-text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is MUCH shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Swiss Family Robinson
Publisher: Orange Cherry/New Media Schoolhouse
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. A richly illustrated, computer-based adaption of this classic story. Selecting many objects within the graphics produces animations. Key words are defined on-line with the click of a mouse. At the end of the story there is a reading comprehension quiz.

Tale of Benjamin Bunny, The
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. Interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Companion story to The Tale of Peter Rabbit, this one tells what happens when Peter and his cousin Benjamin attempt to retrieve Peter's clothes from Mr. McGreggor's garden. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tale of Peter Rabbit, The

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but 7-12
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic children's story about what happens to a child that doesn't obey his mother is presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tell-Tale Heart, The

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. The classic Edgar Allan Poe story about a murderer and his guilty conscience presented in an interactive reading in English with listening support in either English or Spanish. This program features two dramatic readings of the text, analysis of every word in the text according to grammatical part of speech, an on-line commentary on the story with discussion questions and a literary discussion of Poe's techniques.

Thomas' Snowsuit

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Requires a CD-ROM drive. An interactive story with listening support in either English or Spanish. Tells the story of the many ways adults try to get Thomas to wear his snow suit. The reading of each sentence can be slowed to make it more accessible for ESL students. Special features include phrased reading which can be set to different speeds, music and sound effects in support of the narration, and an on-line glossary of key words in the story that contains the pronunciation of the word as a whole and by syllables, the part of speech and the meaning of the word in context.

Tortoise and the Hare

Publisher: Broderbund
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog

Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Urban Reader

Publisher: Educational Publishing Concepts
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual (8 languages)
Info from: catalog

An interactive reading program with 48 original stories written at 11 different reading levels. Story topics include: The Olympic Games, Alcohol and Driving, Street Games, and more. Each story includes comprehension questions and can be individualized to different students' needs. The program includes a student management system to track student progress through the lessons. The Mac version has multilingual audio capability so that students can hear a translation of the text in any of eight different languages.

VersaText Reading Development Program
Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp.
See also Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Bradin; CD (4:2/1988); STDOT

These are computer-based reading lessons. Texts come with explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, timed and paced reading exercises, true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. Lesson topics available include lifestyles, newspaper articles, fables and short stories.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource
Publisher: Texas Caviar
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog

Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

WhoKilledJFK
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

Information, including a QuickTime clip, about the Kennedy assassination. It would make a good supplement to the film JFK. This needs a hard drive and QuickTime to run right.

WordStuff
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

This program uses interactive graphics, animation and sound to define hundreds of words in English and Spanish in a thematic context. Students point arrows to find new words in various scenes, tell animated characters what to do, and sing and record traditional songs.

School versions include teachers' manuals with lesson plans and worksheets.

Zargon Zoo
Publisher:
See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

An interactive adventure that requires only a low level of English and that is suitable for teenagers and young adults. Runs under Windows on the IBM.

REFERENCE

American Heritage Dictionary
Publisher: WordStar International
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

Nice implementation of a standard college dictionary of American English. This wasn't written for non-native speakers, and it's almost totally lacking in examples of usage, but it's certainly useful as a teacher's reference tool. It comes with a thesaurus and a "cultural literacy" dictionary and can be used as a spell checker for any text. A CD-ROM edition is available which contains pronunciations of all entries along with definitions.

Articulation Practice
Publisher: Hanson-Smith
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Hanson-Smith

Exploration and game practice of articulatory phonetics. Location of articulatory organs, demonstration of tongue and larynx movement for selected consonants. For teachers studying for CLAD competencies.

BCS Art
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey

Free clip art from the Boston Computer Society (BCS) library—people, animals, fish, transportation, and miscellaneous other images. This is mostly "paint" format and requires a "paint" program like MacBillboard (shareware, and included on this disk) or SuperPaint to run.

Bookshelf '94--The New Way to Look It Up
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Advanced For: all but K-6
Info from: Magoto, Bradin

A CD-ROM based set of reference materials, including an encyclopedia, thesaurus, book of quotations and more. There are hypertext links between most of the materials, so the student can click on a word in the encyclopedia, and Bookshelf will jump to its dictionary where the student can even hear the word pronounced. Well-designed and very informative, but like most multimedia programs, it really needs an up-to-date Mac or PC.

Compton's Interactive Encyclopedia-'94
Publisher: Compton's New Media
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

A CD-ROM based encyclopedia, which is notable for its ease of navigation and quality of articles, which are written at 10th grade reading level. Its multimedia elements are somewhat uneven--the charts and photos are excellent comprehension aids, the digital movies and sounds aren't as helpful. Good introduction to research skills, even for lower proficiency students.

ENCARTA 1994--The Complete Multimedia Encyclopedia
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-3
Info from: Milton, Magoto

For students doing English for Academic Purposes, this is the best of the CD-ROM encyclopedias. It covers more topics and in a more sophisticated way than others I'm familiar with. Its interface isn't quite as good as Compton's, and its multimedia content isn't as extensive as Grolier's but the overall contents, especially the digital videos, are more thoughtfully arranged. (J.Magoto)

Famous Faces
Publisher: Jasmine Multimedia
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A CD-ROM based program. Contains film footage and biographies of famous people in the 20th Century.

Great Literature
Publisher: Bureau of Electronic Publishing
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: 9-12, Adult, HE
Info from: Milton

Requires CD-ROM drive. Electronic book containing 1,896 great works. Includes all the classic authors ranging from the 20th century back to ancient history. Features complex text, pictures, sounds and celebrity narrations.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia
Publisher: Grolier Electronic Publishing
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Leuschner

A CD-ROM based encyclopedia.

How Computers Work
Publisher: Time Warner Interactive
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

Good resource for a computer literacy class, though its general utility to ESL students is questionable. And, like any program of its nature, it's now somewhat dated. Its most useful feature to teachers are its tutorials and working demos of major applications such as FileMaker Pro.

Longman Dictionary of American English
Publisher: Exceller Software
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: L. Johnson, Algren, Magoto; CJ 5:3 1994

LDAE has over 38,000 definitions, which have been especially written for an ESL audience. The program is well designed, the screens are clear and easy to use, and the program can be used inside other applications. Incorporating all the features of the Longman Dictionary, it is also useful as a grammar learning tool--a study notes option lets students review or clarify basic grammar and usage concepts. The Macintosh version of LDAE makes use of Apple's PlainTalk Text-to-Speech software.

MacGlobe—The New World Order
Publisher: Broderbund
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

An electronic atlas which includes maps, flags, and extensive economic and geographic data about the countries of the world. Country maps and charts (fairly low resolution) can be moved easily into a word processor for handouts or reports; included data makes for good exercises on comparison.

Mayo Clinic Family Health Book
Publisher: IVI Publishing
See also CD-ROM Warehouse
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

Requires CD-ROM drive.

Random House Encyclopedia

Publisher: Microlytics
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

An electronic encyclopedia which is floppy disk-based rather than CD-ROM. That means it runs well on older machines, but that its contents are necessarily limited.

Random House Unabridged Dictionary

Publisher: Random House Reference and Electronic Publishing
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Nicoll

A CD-ROM on-line dictionary.

Space Adventure

Publisher: Knowledge Adventure
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Milton

Requires CD-ROM drive. A program designed around space exploration, with photographs, illustrations, digital sound, and full-motion video.

Street Atlas USA

Publisher: Delorme
See also MacConnection
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Leuschner

Requires CD-ROM drive. You can look at the US using various zooms, down to street level.

Time Almanac Reference Edition-1993

Publisher: Time Warner Interactive
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto, Leuschner

On CD-ROM. A compendium of articles, pictures, and movies from the year 1993, as well as other significant periods in U.S. history. The program has an excellent interface and provides many ways to search its rich contents. Advanced students enjoy how easy it is to find and access authentic sources.

World Fact Book

Publisher: Wayzata
See also EduCorp
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

CD version of the CIA'a atlas-like publication about every country in the world. No secrets here, though, just the facts: population, economy, geography, religion, etc. This resource is also now on the Internet's World Wide Web: http://www.ic.gov/94fact.

SPEAKING

Functioning in Business
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE
Special use: business
Info from: catalog

These interactive videodiscs and CD-ROM's are for pre-intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on language functions such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. The story is presented in full-motion video, supported by color graphics, audio, text and native language translation. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

Lost Secret, The
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Wachman

BBC English's mystery is presented in full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Available now on videodisc/CD-ROM. MPEG (full-motion, full-screen video on CD-ROM) version available in 1995.

Telephone Talk 1&2
Publisher: Libra Multimedia
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Milton

Requires CD-ROM drive. British English. Almost 100 dialogues for listening and speaking practice.

VOCABULARY

7000 Synonyms
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

Self-tutorial vocabulary builder for all standardized tests.

Animals and How They Grow
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science-books. In Animals and How They Grow children explore the life cycle of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, birds and insects. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration.

Ars Magna
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

($10 shareware) Takes an input word or phrase and generates all possible anagrams. The output is copious, so make sure that you have a lot of disk space for the textfile it creates. Type Command-Q to stop the output.

At the Zoo
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: Wachman; CJ 3:4 1992

The opening screen is a zoo map that learners click on to navigate to different areas, such as the lions, birds, monkeys, seals, etc. Learners click on animals and other items in each scene to hear the word spoken with digitized sound and see the name of the item. Good for beginning level of proficiency. The Spanish version offers translations into Spanish in the online dictionary. A "test" module lets students hear the word, then click on the corresponding item.

Bilingual Classroom
Publisher: CUE
Level: Beginning For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Two versions of a program providing review and practice in using names of the parts of the body.

Capital and Lowercase Letters
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Healey

Two literacy stacks with digitized sound from the Adult Success Center at Idaho State University. This works in conjunction with Numbers, another stack with digitized sound. Learners click on a letter to hear it spoken. Very basic and straightforward. Instructions are spoken for the learner.

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Community Exploration
Publisher: Jostens Learning Corp.
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Wachman
A very fine, inexpensive CD about different survival topics.

CrossWise
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
This is an electronic version of Scrabble-$10 shareware. The dictionary must be in the System Folder for the program to find it. While it can be played solo, best use is when it is played in pairs.

Crossword Creator
Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto, Koons; STDOT
Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was praised for being easy to use. One person said that s/he found it frustrating to use and that it didn't give enough control (it only gives one option for the placement of each word, whereas Crossword Magic allows the user to try several placements of each word).

Crossword Magic
Publisher: Mindscape
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Stevens
Users input words and descriptions, and the program creates crosswords from these, which are printed and copied for students to solve. Printing is not easy to configure, but teachers who can print like this program very much. Authorable.

Dynamic Classic: A Christmas Carol
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp)
Dramatized retelling of Dickens' classic on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Alice in Wonderland
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Sp); literacy
Spoken narrative and colorful animation on CD-ROM with language exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Multimedia approach develops listening, reading, and vocabulary skills. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Robin Hood
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: K-12
Special use: Bilingual (Jap); literacy
Eighteen lessons on CD-ROM with spoken narrative and colorful graphics. Exercises and on-line comprehension aids, including written text, spoken translation, and contextual glossaries. Voice recording.

Dynamic Classic: Round the World in 80 Days
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Japanese)

Colorful graphics and dramatized narration on CD-ROM supported by comprehension and vocabulary exercises and on-line comprehension aids. Special focus on time expressions and verb tenses. Voice recording.

Dynamic English

Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning, Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr)
Info from: N. Johnson, McKee

Three-level listening-based course on 6 CD-ROMs. Primary focus is on basic language concepts. In each lesson, information is presented in the form of narratives via sound and graphics with text, glossary, speech record, and repetition always available to the student. Follow-up exercises include Questions generated by the student by clicking on icons or words from the lesson; Matrix Game in which the student accrues points for correctly answering questions using vocabulary presented in the lesson; Dictation exercises requiring the student to listen carefully to a series of sentences from the lesson and select words from a list and place them in the gaps in the sentences; Fill-in exercises where missing words are placed in sentences from the lesson. Grammatical and lexical knowledge is reinforced in all games and exercises along with listening comprehension. An additional feature of the DynEd courseware is the ability of the program to adjust to the level of difficulty of the questions to the student's demonstrated level of proficiency.

Suitable to be used as primary course material, supplemental resource, or self-access material in a language lab (index of lessons lends itself well to self-paced instruction). Dynamic English can also be a valuable tool for ice-breaking or generating conversation as 2-3 students work together to answer the questions.

Early Games for Young Children

Publisher: Springboard Software
See also Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Literacy, elementary
Info from: catalog

Nine games help children learn shapes, letters, addition and subtraction, drawing, and typing. IBM version requires CGA and 512K minimum.

English Speaking Dictionary

Publisher: Adult Success Center
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Healey

A HyperCard-based application for ESL and Adult Basic Education with text, graphics and sound. Learners click on an item to hear it said and see the word. The disks cover topics such as science, mammals, birds, and workplace terms. These disks run as a set from a common menu. This is a dictionary; as such, it does not come with additional activities beyond looking and listening.

Exploring Languages, Word for Word Series

Publisher: Intellimation
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary

Students move through rooms of a school, clicking on objects to learn common vocabulary. Students can hear the words and record their own attempts at pronouncing them.

Exploring the Solar System and Beyond

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Exploring the Solar System children blast off on an exciting simulated voyage through our solar system.

The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration.

Firsthand Access

Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

This beginning-level course, based on Longman Group's *English Firsthand* series, combines an easily recognizable progression of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation points with a variety of interactive exercises to create a multimedia language-learning environment. The course includes over one hundred listening-based activities, using CD-quality sound and animated graphics to engage and motivate students.

House, The

Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: Wachman; CJ 3:4 1992

The opening screen is a house that learners click on to go to different rooms, such as the kitchen, living room, etc. Learners click on items in each scene to hear the word spoken with digitized sound and see the name of the item. Good for beginning level of proficiency. The Spanish version offers translations into Spanish in the online dictionary. A "test" module lets students hear the word, then click on the corresponding item.

HyperGobbledygook

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: McVicker

Creates jargon-filled sentences; advanced learners can try to figure out what they mean (or if they mean anything at all). Needs HyperCard 2.1 to run correctly.

HyperLingua

Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Alta, Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Magoto

Sentence-level vocabulary and grammar practice. Exercise types include matching, multiple choice and sentence jumble. Works with standard text files, and provides an easy to use file management system that encourages re-cycling of previously covered structures. Students especially enjoy the activity reports the program generates, which provide them and the teacher with input for further revision.

HyperWordHunt

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This HyperCard-based program by Michael Krauss has learners use different types of clues to figure out the hidden word. To get hints, students can unscramble sentences, figure out what part of speech it is by looking at a list of what it is not, see a list of related words, guess letter by letter, or get sentences with a blank in the place of the target word. Advanced learners can use all of the hints; intermediate students do better with the letter-by-letter guessing or the sentences with a blank for the word. Students have choices of beginning, intermediate, and advanced words. Once they think they know the word, they need to find it in a grid (like a word search puzzle).

I Can Learn This

Publisher: Daedalus Scientific Software
Level: Advanced For: All, T
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

This editable program teaches students definitions and arithmetic functions. The computer asks questions or pronounces prerecorded words. Teachers can choose which type of questions or words are covered in each lesson.

Teachers can set answer time limits and record correct and incorrect responses. Students can create their own word lists for later study.

Language Discovery

Publisher: Applied Optical Media
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual
Info from: catalog

A multilingual picture dictionary encompassing 1000 words. Each word is pronounced by a digitized recording of a native speaker, a picture of the word is shown, and it is used in context in an everday situation. This requires an MPC machine and a CD-ROM drive.

Lembracs

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This is a simple scrambled words program that allows learners to choose the length of words they want to try to unscramble, from three-letter words to ten-letter words. Learners see the scrambled word and have a set number of tries to unscramble it. The game lasts longer and is much more engaging when learners work in pairs. The game can be set to keep score for several people, making a mild form of competition possible. ($10 shareware.)

Logodædalus

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey; STDOT

This is a computer version of Boggle, where learners see a set of letters in a grid and try to create as many words as they can from contiguous letters. The words are checked against the program's dictionary and then points are assigned based on the number and length of the words found. The program can be set in timed or untimed mode. Learners can choose how long each turn can be in timed mode. The game works best when played in teams in untimed mode by beginning learners and in pairs in timed mode by advanced learners. $10 shareware.

MacPuzzle

Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto

A collection of word puzzle games, mostly on the text reconstruction order. The games include word camouflage (words or pieces of words are blanked out and must be reconstructed), sentence scramble, half a word (half of each word is blanked out), missing vowels/missing consonants, and others. Teachers can easily add their own material by using any word-processed document that has been saved as plain text.

MacReader

Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT

Paced and timed reading, sentence and paragraph sequencing, and other text reconstruction and vocabulary exercises form the basis of this versatile program. Underlying the program is a 5000 word dictionary which means that 90% of the vocabulary in any text are able to be accessed just by clicking on a word.

MacReader is authorable, which means it accepts readings or vocabulary from any text file. This is both an attraction and drawback. Since the program comes with only a small number of readings, teachers must gather or type in appropriate files for their students. However, as more copyright-free material becomes available on-line, this is becoming less of a hassle.

One of the program's finest features is its record-keeping which lets the students monitor their reading progress. For the money, it's tough to beat, and the program is regularly updated.

Multimedia Flash Cards

Publisher: EuroTalk
    See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning   For: K-9
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

A computer-based flash card system designed to teach English as a second language to children. Features several games for learning the vocabulary and the capability for students to listen to digitally recorded pronunciations of each word and also to record their own voices.

Parlance: Vocabulary

Publisher: Parlance Software
Level: Beginning   For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

Contains180 lessons covering the 5,242 most common words in English. Each entry contains a dictionary definition and an example sentence. Exercise types include matching the word to the definition and multiple choice sentence completion.

People Behind the Holidays

Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
    See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate   For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: bilingual, elementary, science
Info from: catalog

A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In People Behind the Holidays children explore the real lives of the people we celebrate who helped to shape America. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration.

PhrazeCrazePlus

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
    Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate   For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, McVicker, N. Johnson

Vocabulary game, like Wheel of Fortune where students take turns trying to guess the letters that make up a hidden word or phrase. Students or teachers can add phrases and words to the program. Students really enjoy this game and it is most useful when this format is used to memorize troublesome vocabulary. Shareware.

Picture Cue Dictionary

Publisher: Attainment Company
Level: Beginning   For: All
Special use: elementary
Info from: catalog

Vocabulary presentation program organized around four thematic units: shopping, meals, appearances, and home. Display mode presents the target words together with a corresponding picture and digitized pronunciation one by one. In Matching mode the students match the word to the picture--testing what they've learned. Teachers can modify the order and content of lessons for each student. Requires 14 MB of disk space.

Reader Rabbit 1

Publisher: Learning Company, The
    See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning   For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: STDOT

This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did.

Reader Rabbit 2 and 3
Publisher: Learning Company, The
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Game format: letter and word recognition and vocabulary.

SAT Vocabulary Builder
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, TOEFL
Info from: catalog
Over 300 roots, prefixes and suffixes of words presented with their meanings and examples of the words in which they appear.

Science Vocabulary Builder
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Special use: Science, TOEFL
Info from: catalog
Over 300 roots, prefixes and suffixes of words presented with their meanings and examples of the words in which they appear.

Scrabble
Publisher: Leisure Genius
See also Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
In this computer version of the vocabulary-building board game, students can choose to play against another person or against the computer at one of eight skill levels. The program has a 20,000-word vocabulary. Playing time can be set from 30 seconds to five minutes per turn. Games can be saved to continue later.

Scrabble Deluxe
Publisher: Virgin
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog
This computerized version of the famous board game requires a CD-ROM drive.

Seasons
Publisher: Discis Knowledge Research
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Special use: elementary, bilingual, science
Info from: catalog
A primary level content-based reading program that includes both paper copies and CD-ROM versions of science books. In Seasons children experience the wonder of nature as they watch each season unfold. The CD includes computer reading of the text, background music, color photographs, individual word and syllable pronunciations, explanations in English or Spanish, and interactive picture buttons that invite exploration. This runs under Windows.

Sitting on the Farm
Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD
Children can listen to the story, reading along as the words are highlighted, write their own story, record themselves singing the theme song, and publish their own interpretations of the story. Material is in French, Spanish, or English. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Spanish-English ESL Vocabulary Games
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: Bilingual
Vocabulary games. Authorable.

Tortoise and the Hare
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog
Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Using Guide Words
Publisher: TutorTapes
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog
Practice in learning the English alphabet while using dictionary guide words.

Vital Signs: The Good Health Resource
Publisher: Texas Caviar
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: bilingual, science
Info from: catalog
Students learn about health problems, important ways to reduce health risks, how to record and track personal health information and organizations that are valuable sources of further information. The health database is completely bilingual in Spanish and English and includes toll-free numbers. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Vocabulary Adventure
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey
This uses an adventure story to teach vocabulary. Learners are asked in each "room" to answer a vocabulary question, usually to find the synonym of a target work from a list of four possibilities. Each correct answer gives them points. While not authorable, this program is one of the few for vocabulary study that is thoroughly contextualized.

Vocabulary Drill
Publisher: Intellimation
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Bradin
10 exercises covering 300 words: nouns, verbs, adjectives. Students can check their answers immediately or get context clues.

Vocabulary for the TOEFL!
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog
High frequency vocabulary for the TOEFL test.

Vocabulary Power
Publisher: Teletext
Level: Advanced For: HE
Special use: TOEFL
Info from: catalog

Contains 15 disks which cover the 5000 most frequent words in English.

Vocabulary Skills
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

The focus here is on vocabulary-based reading skills. This is a "how to" HyperCard stack from Greg Younger with suggestions for strategies to employ when encountering unfamiliar vocabulary while reading, such as finding vocabulary in context. It also has instructions on use of the dictionary. Learners read through the suggestions in the program, then try them elsewhere. The program does not include exercises.

Vocabulary Virtuoso
Publisher: Learning Magic
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A program designed for vocabulary development, with 400 target words.

Websters Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary
Publisher: Highlighted Data
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: catalog

Excellent for school library. Easy searching and text retrieval, with linking to other words. Requires a CD-ROM drive.

Word Attack 3
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, Healey; STDOT

This native-speaker vocabulary program has definitions, words in context, follow-up exercises, and an arcade-style game. Learners choose a word list of nouns, verbs, or adjectives. Ten lists of each part of speech are included on each data disk, or teachers can add their own word lists. The Macintosh version has synthesized speech-- while not native-like, it at least gives learners a clue as to what the word sounds like. Authoring must be done within the author component of the program.

Word Cross
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: all
Info from: Algren, Koons

A program that allows you to create crossword puzzles and to make as many different versions of the puzzle as you choose. You can print an answer key as well. Clues can be printed on a separate page from the puzzle. One user noted that the copy protection scheme is very cumbersome.

Word Games with English
Publisher: eigoMedia
See also Delta Systems
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

Teaches 1500 words using 40 different interactive games and puzzles.

Wordsteps

Publisher: SpeakWare
Level: Beginning For: 7-12,Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Statan

Students see a sentence with a word missing. Above the sentence are 26 squares with a letter of the alphabet in each. The missing word can be either spelled out a letter at a time or the students can hear the whole word spoken. The students click on the letters as they are played or students may choose to spell the word after hearing the entire word played. They may also enter the letters via the keyboard, which also says the letters as they are typed in (optional). Once the word is spelled correctly, it appears in the sentence and the word plays.

There are 81 words grouped into sets like "Basic Words", "Basic Blends", "Two Vowels", "Problem Pronouns", "Numbers", and so on. For example, "Basic Words" has three letter phonemic words (and one four letter word) which, as a group, use all the letters of the alphabet. Each grouping has its own printing scorecard. There is also a free typing area for practice.

It is both black and white and color. For the Mac only.

Wordwork!

Publisher: ParaComm
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Special use: Bilingual (Japanese)
Info from: CJ (2:3/1991), N. Johnson

Reading and vocabulary development based on simplified newspaper stories. Students can select words in each text to hear them pronounced and to study their definition. They can hear the whole story read by the computer. Language learning exercises include putting scrambled sentences in order, multiple choice comprehension questions, true/false questions, fill in the blanks exercises, a crossword puzzle and a concentration-type matching game.

Your Personal Trainer for the SAT

Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
Level: Advanced For: 7-12, HE
Special use: science, TOEFL
Info from: catalog

SAT practice questions, test-taking strategies. Ranks practice scores with those of incoming freshmen nationwide.

WRITING

All About Me!
Publisher: Creative Pursuits
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: N. Johnson

Designed to be used with the *Children's Writing and Publishing Center* software, *All About Me!* consists of twenty lessons revolving around the themes of home, family, friends and daily life. Students learn a variety of writing styles including short stories, reports, poetry and more. The program comes in English and Spanish versions with Spanish language directions in the Spanish version.

Apple Jam
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey; STDOT

Lets students "chat" with each other over a network, and is useless unless run on a network. Students cannot save or print their online interaction with each other, but they can go back and read what was said before during a single session. The more, the merrier in this activity. While students at low levels of English proficiency can participate and enjoy doing so, slow typing speed may be frustrating to them and to their readers.

Bilingual Writing Center-Spanish/English
Publisher: Learning Company, The
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Special use: Bilingual
Info from: catalog

Bilingual desktop publishing program designed for K-12 students. Includes 200 clip art images selected specifically for curriculum fit in K-12.

Bookshelf '94--The New Way to Look It Up
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Advanced For: all but K-6
Info from: Magoto, Bradin

A CD-ROM based set of reference materials, including an encyclopedia, thesaurus, book of quotations and more. There are hypertext links between most of the materials, so the student can click on a word in the encyclopedia, and Bookshelf will jump to its dictionary where the student can even hear the word pronounced. Well-designed and very informative, but like most multimedia programs, it really needs an up-to-date Mac or PC.

Buddy-O-Matic
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: McVicker; STDOT

Helps create the plots for "Buddy" movies. Learners choose from various lists to generate a plot, which they can then flesh out. Requires HyperCard.

Business Letterworks (for the Macintosh)
Publisher: Round Lake Publishing
See also MacWarehouse
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Special use: business
Info from: catalog

Contains customizable letters for business.

Collaborative Writer
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: 9-12
Special use: Business
Simple word-processor, but a network version (1 copy for the whole network) at a very reasonable price. Good short tutorial on business writing.

Conference Writer 1.6
Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Athelstan
Level: Intermediate For: All
HyperCard stack that facilitates collaborative, peer writing groups. Requires computers to be connected via a local area network.

Constructing the Paragraph
Publisher: Hanson-Smith
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Hanson-Smith, N. Johnson
This Hypercard-based tutorial is designed to prepare upper intermediate and advanced ESL students for success in academic writing courses. The focus of the instruction is on identifying topic sentences, understanding the structure of topic sentences, the function of supporting sentences, the use of transition words and phrases, and common paragraph organization patterns in English. The example texts used in the tutorials are short and generally relevant to student interests. New edition 6/94.

Cotton Tales
Publisher: Mindplay
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Bilingual, elementary
Info from: catalog
A simple word processor that uses both text and pictures to produce rebus sentences.

Daedalus Integrated Writing Environment
Publisher: Daedalus Group
Level: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced For: All
Info from: Magoto
Eight interactive modules (writing: a word processor, a dictionary, citation software, brainstorming, responder; network management: e-mail, file serving, and class management) that allow for a wide variety of computer mediated interaction: teacher to student, student to student, student to whole class. This software has become very popular with undergraduate writing instructors. Among its many features is that it works in real time, so a writing class that meets in a lab can take full advantage of its conversation-like qualities: as a student types a comment, it appears on everyone's screen. It doesn't require a network, but much would be lost without one. To use it well, this software requires extensive training and support.

Eight Best Prewriting Strategies and Their Use
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog
These strategies cover the four domains of writing; sensory description, narration, exposition, and persuasion. The material is designed to interest students in further investigation and content. Requires HyperCard.

Electronic English Handbook
Publisher: Technology Training Associates
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12
Info from: catalog
Lists rules on punctuation, mechanics, spelling, commonly confused words, and bibliography format.

Grammatik
Publisher: Novell
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Levy, Eastment, Thrush; STDOT

This style and grammar checker allows its rules to be customized. Rules can be turned on and off; in addition, they can be edited and added to, making it more useful for English language teaching than many other grammar/style checkers. It is still most useful for advanced learners whose errors are most similar to those of native speakers.

Great Beginnings
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Students create stories based on thematic vocabulary provided in the program's "story starters." Students can choose graphics to illustrate their own stories and print them.

HyperShelf
Publisher: Southern California Writing Project
See also Intellimation
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss

Typing practice. Step-by-step lessons and a typing game.

HyperStories
Publisher: CUE
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: catalog

Authoring system allows students to create interactive branching stories just by pointing, clicking, and writing.

HyperStory
Publisher: D.C. Heath
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Hanson-Smith

This program goes with Charles May's collection of short stories, *Fiction's Many Worlds*. Students read the text in the book, then go to the HyperCard version. At crucial points in the text, they can click on a light bulb to get study questions, food for thought, etc. From there they can open a notebook and write answers. Toward the end of the story, they click open and choose a short writing assignment. For each of the 18 or so stories, they must print out their notes and their short writing assignment for the teacher to read--or e-mail them to him, or hand it over on disk. It gets every student responding to the story, so the class discussions are no longer "academic". Student comments seemed to run about 95% positive, and include things like, "I got so I could guess what the comments were going to be!" and "It brought attention to important details which would help me to better understand what the stories meant."

IdeaFisher
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems
See also MacWarehouse
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts.

Inigo Gets Out
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: K-6, 7-12
Info from: Healey

This is an engaging picture story about the adventures of the cat Inigo. In each frame, learners choose which way the cat will go next and see what happens. Since the program is strictly graphical, language learning tasks such as collaborating to choose the next action or writing a story about what happened to Inigo must be set by the teacher.

Inspiration 4.0

Publisher: Ceres Software
See also MacWarehouse
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog

A pre-writing program that allows students to organize and arrange ideas in outline or diagram form. Useful for making flow charts to show the logical progression of ideas.

Interchange

Publisher: Daedalus
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Phinney

Now sold as part of the Daedalus Integrated Writing Environment.

Kid Pix

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey

Freeware version with lots of nifty paint tools, but in black and white and pictures cannot be saved to disk. Pictures can be printed, though. You will probably want the commercial version after you try it.

Kid Works 2 Bilingual

Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: elementary, bilingual, literacy
Info from: catalog

Allows children to create and illustrate their own stories which can be read back to them by the computer in English or Spanish. The program includes four components: Story Writer, Icon Maker, Story Illustrator, and Story Player. The built-in speech dictionary can be modified and additional words can be entered. Graphics can also be imported from other paint programs. This software can be used as a tool in language experience approach lessons.

Language Experience Recorder

Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources, Learning Lab Software
Level: Beginning For: All but HE
Special use: literacy
Info from: STDOT

A specialized word processing program with simple graphics and speech capability. Students can hear whatever they've written read back to them. Includes features for readability and writing analysis. This program was designed for teachers using the Language Experience Approach to reading.

MacBillboard

Publisher: CE Software
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Healey

This is a shareware paint program ($35) that several people can use over a network at the same time. It has the standard pencil, brush, geometric object, and fill paint tools. It imports MacPaint clip art readily and will save files in standard MacPaint format.

Make-A-Book: A Talking Book Maker
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog

Children can write, illustrate, and publish their own books. Printouts are formatted so that they can just be folded and stapled into book form.

Mastertype
Publisher: Society for Visual Education
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Keyboarding skills practice in an arcade-style game. Students try to shoot the letters and words out of the sky before they crash into their space ship in the middle of the screen.

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing!
Publisher: Mindscape
See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse, Wida
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Jones, Healey; STDOT

This typing program offers a step-by-step tutorial (written for native speakers, so not very useful for beginners or intermediate level students without a teacher's help getting started), record-keeping so that learners can start up again where they left off, and game options for further practice. The road race typing game is very popular with some learners.

Microsoft Word
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Beginning For: 7-12
Info from: Langford, Krauss, Bradin

Full-blown word processing program; can be used to teach keyboarding and word-processing skills. Has built-in style and spelling checkers as well as a thesaurus. This is a professional quality word processor and learning how to use such a program is especially useful for ESL students who hope to work in a business setting or to complete an academic degree.

Microsoft Works
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

Integrated program with database, spreadsheet, graphics program, telecommunication program, and word-processor. The components of this program are not as powerful as stand-alone versions such as *Microsoft Word* or *Excel*, but *Works* is less complicated to learn and easier to use This program works well for most ESL writing tasks and the other components are useful for introducing students to common computer operations in business settings.

MicroWorlds Language Art
Publisher: Logo Computer
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

Writing program which allows you to be creative with words: they can be reshaped, resized, etc.

My Words
Publisher: Hartley Courseware
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6, Adult
Special use: Literacy
Info from: CD (4:6/1988), N. Johnson

Word-processor with speech capability (uses a speech synthesizer). Words are spoken as they appear on the screen. The computer stores a list of each user's words in a "word bank." Students can see or hear the words in the word bank in a window of the screen while doing additional word processing. Useful for Language Experience Approach activities.

Personal Letter Works
Publisher: Round Lake Publishing
See also MacWarehouse
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: catalog
Contains 400 customizable letters covering a broad range of topics for personal use.

Poetry Workshop
Publisher: Hanson-Smith
See also CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Hanson-Smith
Prompts students step by step in the creation of six styles of poetry and also includes a number of fiction starters. The poetry styles include Cinquain, Diamonds, Sense Poems (easy, medium and hard) and Haiku.

Practical Spelling
Publisher: Queue Inc.
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Williams
Tutorial and drill of basic spelling rules, possessive and plural formation, plus 100 spelling demons. Designed for native speakers.

Print Shop/New Print Shop/Print Shop Deluxe
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Baltra, N. Johnson
This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics, color printing, TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality), new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text, special pre-made headline texts, rich text which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words, a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs, and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics.

Right Resume Writer III, The
Publisher: Career Development Software
Level: Intermediate For: Adult
Updated version of The Right Resume Writer. Formats for chronological, skills and professional resumes. Hints for effective marketing of experiences included.

Sentence Starters
Publisher: Teacher Support Software
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: catalog
Presented in a sticker-book theme. Students finish sentences in a format that provides ample hints for reluctant readers/writers.

Software Toolworks Multimedia Encyclopedia
Publisher: Mindscape
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-3
Info from: Magoto, Healey

CD-ROM-based encyclopedia with graphics, sound, search capability. This has a "notepad" for notes and can export information, as well.

Spell It! Plus
Publisher: Davidson & Assoc.
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: N. Johnson

This program presents, then drills commonly misspelled words. The instruction phase includes some common rules of English spelling and shows each word broken down into syllables. The program pronounces each word using synthesized speech. The practice activities include filling in missing letters in the list of words which at the same time decodes a hidden message; correcting misspelled words presented in sentence contexts; a tic tac toe-like game where students need to unscramble the words they've studied; and a race game where students must quickly recognize and select the words that are spelled correctly. Authorable.

Storybook Weaver
Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources, Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: literacy, bilingual
Info from: Baltra, Foley-Vinay

A creative tool for kids to write and illustrate their own storybook. Students can choose from hundreds of images and scenery combinations, plus a variety of borders and type styles. They can also add sounds and music to their stories. Story Book Weaver Deluxe on CD offers more graphics and animation, spoken word narration and both English and Spanish writing capabilities.

Type to Learn
Publisher: Sunburst Communications
Level: Beginning For: K-12, Adult
Info from: N. Johnson

Easy to use keyboard tutorial. Available in two font sizes for students who are young or have special needs. Includes an option for low level and advanced vocabulary for practice words which makes this a good choice for beginning level ESL students who want to learn to use the computer keyboard effectively.

Type!
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

This full-featured keyboard skills tutorial has three special features that distinguish it for ESL users: 1) an option to choose between regular and elementary level vocabulary for lesson practice words; 2) a very attractive practice game racing against the student's preset speed goal; and 3) an option to create practice lessons of any length (saved as text files from your word processor) to use for further speed and skill development. This means that at the same time that students are working on their speed and accuracy they can be copying sentences recently studied in class.

Typing Tutor V (formerly Typing Tutor IV Plus)
Publisher: Brady
See also Prentice-Hall
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Sokolik

Typing tutorial program.

UltraKey 3.0
Publisher: Bytes of Learning
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: N. Johnson

UltraKey is a keyboard skills tutorial that is more appropriate for ESL users than many on the market. The explanation about proper posture at the computer is well done and accessible to at least intermediate level ESL students. The excellent use of graphics and visual prompts also helps. Finally, in the skill check section students have an option of typing in whatever text they desire. This enables students to practice writing sentences at their appropriate level while at the same time building keyboard speed.

Vowel Combinations 1.1

Publisher: Intellimation
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6
Special use: Literacy
Info from: Bradin

Digitized audio of vowel combinations. Sample words on screen.

Word Munchers

Publisher: MECC
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary
Info from: N. Johnson

An arcade-style game that drills the variant spelling of vowel sounds. Students are presented with a model (/i/ as in fish), they then move around a grid selecting all of the other words that have the same vowel sound while trying to avoid little monsters that randomly move through the grid. The program can be set so that students will only work on a limited set of vowel sounds. There is no instructional phase to the program, so teachers will want to either preteach the common patterns and exceptions or encourage their students to be persistent discovery learners.

Word Processor Ideas for Composition

Publisher: Hanson-Smith
See also CALL-IS Macintosh Library, CALL-IS MS-DOS Library
Level: Intermediate For: 7-12, Adult
Info from: Hanson-Smith

Syllabus, assignments, templates for writing assignments for word processors.

World Atlas 5.0

Publisher: Mindscape
See also Educational Resources, EduCorp, mail order houses
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-3
Info from: Magoto, Healey

This CD-ROM-based 1991 world atlas offers extensive information on countries of the world, including demographic as well as geographic data. Learners can search for specific information about a country. While it is possible to print the information about a country, the program is not selective about what to print, resulting in about 10-15 pages of output. The IBM version requires multimedia capability (MPC).

Writer's Helper

Publisher: Conduit
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: HE
Info from: Algren, N. Johnson

A complex program designed for native speakers. Can help with pre-writing idea generation and outlining, as well as revision. Students write compositions in any word processing program and import into Writer's Helper as a text-only file to revise. Program points out possible composition errors for students to think about.

Writing Journal, The

Publisher: Creative Pursuits
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: K-9
Special use: elementary, bilingual
Info from: catalog

English and Spanish templates and lessons for use with the *Children's Writing and Publishing Center*. Twelve themes, one for each month of the year, revolve around the celebrations of the seasons, holidays and everyday events.

AUTHORING

Annotext-Mac
Publisher: Panda Software
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto; CJ 4:4 1993/94

A Hypercard-based authoring system which makes it easy to annotate texts. The annotations can be dictionary definitions (dictionaries are available for French and German), pictures, sounds, CD audio, or even Quicktime movies. Useful for literature teachers preparing lectures or self-study tutorials, or student project work, Annotext's strength may also be its weakness--the program comes with very little traditional content, and making it work well authoring requires intermediate-advanced Hypercard scripting ability.

Authorware Professional
Publisher: Macromedia
Level: Teacher For: All
Info from: Levy

Allows teachers to create lessons incorporating text, graphics, animation, sound and videodisc. We have used this system to develop language learning materials for movies, specifically Korean and Australian feature films. (M.L.)

CDictation
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from Dartmouth.edu: pub/LLTI-IALL/Shareware/ or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

HyperCard authoring program for creating dictations from music CDs. The teacher plays a song, marking relevant segments as she goes. She then types in (or copies and pastes) the lyrics corresponding to those segments. The student's job is to type in the lyrics (or part of the lyrics) while listening to the song on the CD. If the student is correct, the song continues playing. Interesting use of hypermedia in a widely available medium, but fairly hardware-intensive and time-consuming to prepare. Teachers are advised to get students to do as much of the preparatory work as possible, e.g., picking music and typing in lyrics for each other. Shareware $25.

Choicemaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor, Eastment

Produces multiple choice tests with feedback for right and wrong answers. Version 2 is for IBM. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Course Builder
Publisher: Discovery Systems International
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: ISNL Feb 1992

Sophisticated authoring system for incorporating sound, video, graphics, and text in teacher-created courseware.

Dasher
Publisher: Conduit
See also Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

Widely-used in foreign languages, this long-time authoring program hasn't made too much of an impact in ESL. One reason for that is that it has very limited authoring capability: you're limited to 4-5 types of exercises (and no scripting), and student responses are always evaluated letter by letter, word by word; the other is that it uses a rather traditional drill and practice paradigm. Becomes more interesting if the exercises include graphics, sound, or laserdisc access, but this kind of multimedia work can be better done with other programs.

Digital Laboratory
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from Dartmouth.edu: pub/LLTI-IALL/Shareware/ or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

Authoring program (based on HyperCard) for creating vocabulary lessons with sound. Teachers type in a word, definition, example sentence, and then record what they want their students to hear. Students can record and play back their voices and compare it to the teacher's. Shareware $25. Disk #60.

Gapmaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Athelstan, RDA, Alta
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Levy; Hurst

A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Hints can be added. Authorable. A 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0. Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

Guided Reading
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey, Magoto

Guided Reading by David Herren is a shareware HyperCard stack whose purpose is to assist in introducing the intermediate language student to the literature in the target language through media-based annotations of texts. It provides an easy means for the instructor to answer questions one time that she knows the students will ask over and again each semester. I am further hopeful that it will simultaneously engage the student in a way they might not otherwise be engaged. With very little practice, the instructor should be able to create annotated editions of text including digital sound, interactive video, graphics and text, designed to provide collaborative support to the intermediate and beginning language student as they investigate short stories, poetry or excerpts in the target language. Shareware $35.

HyperCALL
Publisher: Intellimation
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Blake; CJ (1:1/1990); STDOT

This HyperCard-based authoring system is geared toward graphics-based instruction, with easy integration of videodisc and sound. The basic format is to start with a picture and have learners click on different items within the picture. This action can call up other graphics or sounds or play a videodisc. Thoughtful design and attention to pedagogy rather than bells and whistles can result in very nice programs for students.

HyperCard
Publisher: Claris Corporation
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto; Levy; Krauss; Bradin

Students can learn to browse and do graphics in this hypermedia authoring tool. Version 2.2 allows the use of color.

Hyperstudio
Publisher: Roger Wagner Publishing
See also Learning Services
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Gaer

For people who have had trouble with Hypercard, this is extremely easy to use and requires only that you can point and click. You can produce programs to help your students in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation (it has voice), lifeskills, reading and writing.

I Can Learn This

Publisher: Daedalus Scientific Software
Level: Advanced For: All, T
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

This editable program teaches students definitions and arithmetic functions. The computer asks questions or pronounces prerecorded words. Teachers can choose which type of questions or words are covered in each lesson.

Teachers can set answer time limits and record correct and incorrect responses. Students can create their own word lists for later study.

IDI Author

Publisher: Lougheed, Lin
See also Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: CJ (1:1/1990); Bradin

HyperCard-based authoring system, especially designed for multiple-choice tests; allows integration of Tanberg tape recorder, laserdisc.

LanguageWriter

Publisher: RDA Mind Builders
See also Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Allows teachers to combine text and teacher-recorded sound.

LXR•Test

Publisher: Logic eXtension Resources
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This is an elaborate test-generator for on-screen and printed tests. It can readily incorporate graphics with text. It offers a variety of test formats (free format, true/false, two to six alternatives) but is especially useful for item banking, since error analysis can be built in. With tests taken on the computer or from scanned answer sheets, the program will score and generate reports that include item analyses.

MacLang

Publisher: RDA, Gessler, Intellimation
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Special use: Bilingual (12 languages)
Info from: catalog

An authoring system for creating a variety of CALL exercises. Using six different format possibilities, vocabulary, fill-in-the-blank, paragraph, multiple choice, jumble, and multi-format, teachers can prepare activities in English and any one of the following languages simultaneously: French, Spanish, German, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian (phonetic or Soviet keyboard), Greek, Latin, Turkish, Japanese Kana, and Pinyin. Exercises may be linked to audio or interactive video.

MacPuzzle

Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto

A collection of word puzzle games, mostly on the text reconstruction order. The games include word camouflage (words or pieces of words are blanked out and must be reconstructed), sentence scramble, half a word (half of each word is blanked out), missing vowels/missing consonants, and others. Teachers can easily add their own material by using any word-processed document that has been saved as plain text.

MacReader
Publisher: Gessler Educational Software
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto; STDOT

Paced and timed reading, sentence and paragraph sequencing, and other text reconstruction and vocabulary exercises form the basis of this versatile program. Underlying the program is a 5000 word dictionary which means that 90% of the vocabulary in any text are able to be accessed just by clicking on a word.

MacReader is authorable, which means it accepts readings or vocabulary from any text file. This is both an attraction and drawback. Since the program comes with only a small number of readings, teachers must gather or type in appropriate files for their students. However, as more copyright-free material becomes available on-line, this is becoming less of a hassle.

One of the program's finest features is its record-keeping which lets the students monitor their reading progress. For the money, it's tough to beat, and the program is regularly updated.

Matchmaster
Publisher: Wida Software
See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Levy, Taylor

Authoring program for matching exercises. Version 2.0 for IBM. "Convert" facility automatically converts data files to Version 2.

McAuthor
Publisher: SpeakWare
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

Authoring tool allows teacher to make powerful teaching and test instruments without the need to know programming.

Meaning of..., The
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: catalog

A HyperCard-based tool to help anyone learn words and their definitions.

Multimedia Workshop
Publisher: Hayden
See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

Book and CD-ROM combination. The book is a good introduction to multimedia, and the accompanying disk provides numerous examples of desktop publishing, video authoring, and paint capabilities.

PhrazeCrazePlus
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Krauss, McVicker, N. Johnson

Vocabulary game, like Wheel of Fortune where students take turns trying to guess the letters that make up a hidden word or phrase. Students or teachers can add phrases and words to the program. Students really enjoy this game and it is most useful when this format is used to memorize troublesome vocabulary. Shareware.

Sitting on the Farm

Publisher: Sanctuary Woods/Magic Quest
Level: Beginning For: K-6
Special use: Elementary, bilingual (Fr., Sp.)
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

Children can listen to the story, reading along as the words are highlighted, write their own story, record themselves singing the theme song, and publish their own interpretations of the story. Material is in French, Spanish, or English. This requires a CD-ROM drive.

Storyboard

Publisher: Wida Software
See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Hurst, Levy; STDOT

Whole-text deletion program. Can import text from other programs. One of the very rare programs for which preparation time (by the teacher) is MUCH shorter than the time required by the learner to finish the activity. 'Convert' facility automatically converts previously authored files to Version 2.0 (IBM). Demos are available from the CALL-IS MS-DOS and Macintosh libraries (see separate listings).

SuperCard 2.0

Publisher: Allegiant Technologies
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

Recently updated and given bi-platform capabilities, this multimedia authoring system is a good alternative to HyperCard for teachers interested in scripting and who can deliver their software on more powerful Macs or Windows-based machines.

Teacher's Tool Kit

Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Algren
Contains four applications: Multiple Choice, Word Match, Word Scramble, and Word Search.

Multiple Choice allows you to generate a variety of tests, quizzes and study sheets. Multiple choice questions have five answer choices; the program will also format T/F and essay questions. Questions you enter can be used to generate different quizzes from questions and randomize their order. Word Match is a match-the-words-to-the-definition application. True/False and fill-in-the-blank formats are also available. Multiple random versions of the same items can be generated. Word Scramble is a puzzle generator in which the computer scrambles the letters of each word. Word Search is a puzzle generator in which words you enter are placed on a grid in any of eight directions. The number of directions can be reduced to simplify.

VersaText 2.0/2.7 Author

Publisher: Novasoft/ICD Corp.
See also Athelstan
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Milton, N. Johnson; STDOT

Authoring system for creating computer-based reading lessons. Teachers can enter specialized texts, create explanatory notes connected to parts of the text, and create true/false and fill in the blank comprehension questions. The program can automatically provide the student with reports on reading speed and paced reading practice. With the Macintosh version teachers can also add audio and graphics connected to each reading text and exercise. Version 2.7 is for IBM.

VideoDictation

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from Dartmouth.edu: pub/LLTI-IALL/Shareware/ or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

HyperCard based authoring program for creating dictations from videodisc clips. Shareware $25.

Word Bingo
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Milton

An authoring program for playing bingo with words rather than just numbers and letters.

Word Link
Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Milton

Creates cloze activities and cryptograms.

OTHER UTILITIES

Browser
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

View-only concordancer; you can't export concordances to create exercises. This is most useful as a classroom tool to explain vocabulary or grammar use through examples. The program builds an index, which takes a while, but subsequent searches are very fast. Found on the "Concordancers" disk in the CALL-IS Macintosh Library.

CALL-IS Resource Disk
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This is the 1995 Software List in word-processed form. It includes Mac and IBM programs used with ESL students, though many are not designed specifically for ESL. The archive also has the Software List databases and CÆLL Journal Annotated Bibliography. This disk is updated annually. Disk #1 from the CALL-IS Mac Library. The 1994 Software List, available online from the CELIA archives, includes Apple II and Amiga titles as well as Mac and IBM.

CSL ClassWorks
Publisher: Chancery Software
Level: Advanced For: All
Info from: Apple Education Resource CD

This is an instructional management system for classrooms. It incorporates third-party software in ESL, math, and writing. Lessons are organized by skill and objective, making it possible to design individual education programs for ESL and Chapter 1 students. Schools can add their own software, as well.

Teachers can create their own lessons from the software provided. All material is presented through a menu system. Training is available either on-site or at Chancery Software's Mac School University.

ComputerEyes
Publisher: Digital Vision
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

A SCSI frame grabber video digitizer that is useful for developers or teachers doing multimedia project work. It's largely been replaced by the AV Macs and video capture boards like VideoSpigot, which digitize and allow the playback of continuous streams of video, not just frame-by-frame.

Conc
Publisher: CALL-IS M[illegible]osh Library
Also ftp from [illegible]re.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: [illegible]er
Info from: Magoto

A concordance program that allows cut and paste operations. Conc does not work with very large texts, unfortunately—around 100K seems to be the maximum size unless you have a lot of memory. Disk #44.

Courseware Management System
Publisher: DynEd International
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

The CMS monitors student progress for all DynEd courseware. Detailed historical records for each student show which lessons have been studied each day, the amount of time spent in each lesson, and the score or percentage of correct responses attained.

Crossword Creator

Publisher: Centron Software Technologies
See also MacConnection, MacWarehouse
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Magoto, Koons

Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was generally praised for being easy to use. However, one person said that s/he found it frustrating to use and that it didn't give enough control (it only gives one option for the placement of each word, whereas *Crossword Magic* allows the user to try several placements of each word).

Crossword Magic

Publisher: Mindscape
See also Educational Resources
Level: Intermediate For: All
Info from: Stevens

Users input words and descriptions, and the program creates crosswords from these, which are printed and copied for students to solve. Printing is not easy to configure, but teachers who can print like this program very much. Authorable.

D'Accord

Publisher: Computer Assisted Learning
Level: Intermediate For: Teacher
Info from: Taylor

Takes text files and creates Key-Word-In-Context concordances.

Disinfectant

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from sumex-aim.stanford.edu
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This virus-protection program is kept as current as possible. The version changes about every month. For the most current version, download it from online sources-- it is widely available online.

EndNote Plus

Publisher: Niles & Associates
Level: Advanced For: Teacher
Info from: Milton, Magoto

A bibliographic data base that works inside popular word processors. Contains all major bibliographic styles, e.g. APA, MLA, etc., so it's useful for students, especially graduate students, from many different majors. Students and teachers alike enjoy having the drudgery of remembering which style is which removed.

Eudora

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from sumex-aim.stanford.edu
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

Nice Mail program that you can use via modem or via MacTCP to access a"POP" mail server. You will need technical information to configure the programs correctly for your computer and the host computer you will connect to. Commercial versions of Eudora with more powerful features now exist from Qualcomm Incorporated (available from mail order houses like MacConnection and MacWarehouse).

Expansion Tools

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

Different shareware expansion tools for files compressed with different programs. Use with .cpt files, .sit files, .dd files, .zip files, and Unix files. The most useful programs are CompactPro and Stuffit Expander.

FastFormatter
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This formats blank disks faster than the built-in Mac formatter. Works with 400K, 800K, and 1.4MB disks. Free.

Fetch 2.1
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from sumex-aim.stanford.edu
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This tool for logging into and navigating remote sites to send and receive files works like ftp but has a Mac-like interface. It requires MacTCP and technical information in order to configure the programs correctly for your computer and the host computer you will connect to. Once configured, however, it makes downloading files relatively easy.

GateKeeper
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from sumex-aim.stanford.edu
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This free virus protection program can be set to check disks when they are inserted into the computer. The program is updated frequently; check online sources for the most recent version.

Healey CALL info stack
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This is an introduction to computer-assisted language learning in the form of a self-access HyperCard stack. Free. It offers suggestions for use of specific types of software as well as for one-computer and lab settings. A short bibliography of helpful articles and books is also included.

HyperTalk Tutorial
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

Information about the HyperCard programming language. Pay the shareware fee and get more info.

HyperZap
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This HyperCard stack unlocks protected HyperCard stacks to allow changes. It works best with HyperCard 1.2.5, but will also work (but fewer bells and whistles) with HyperCard 2.0. It may work with later versions, as well.

IdeaFisher
Publisher: IdeaFisher Systems
See also MacWarehouse
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

An idea generator and outliner with a large database of ideas and suggestions waiting to link up with your prompts.

Internet Tour 4.0.2
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Advanced For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

This is a HyperCard-based explanation of finding and retrieving information on the Internet. The program is helpful only if you are on the Internet network. It is written for native speakers, so the language level is relatively high. It could be used by students with some assistance from a teacher but may be best used by teachers to educate themselves.

IPA fonts
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

This offers three different font families in PostScript and TrueType/bitmap formats. SIL Doulos is similar to Times; SIL Sophia, to Helvetica; and SIL Manuscript, to Courier (monospace font). To use these fonts, you need to have System 7 or System 6.0.7 with TrueType in the System Folder.

Learning Styles Inventory
Publisher: Educational Activities
Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6
Info from: Healey

Students go through this questionnaire in the form of a HyperCard stack to analyze their learning styles. The program offers suggestions to enhance studying based on the learner's profile. The profiles for a whole class can be stored, so that comparisons of an individual to the teacher or to the class can be printed. The interface is not the smoothest, especially in terms of printing a diagnosis for each student, but it is workable.

MacRecorder Sound System Pro
Publisher: Macromedia
See also MacWarehouse, MacConnection
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Phinney; IS NL May 91; STDOT

Hardware for digitizing sound. Comes with SoundEdit or SoundEdit Pro (to edit recorded sounds) and HyperSound (to incorporate sound easily into HyperCard stacks).

Micrograde
Publisher: Chariot Software Group
Level: Teacher For: Teacher

Keeps class records and grades. Able to weight assignments.

MicroWorlds Language Art
Publisher: Logo Computer
See also Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: catalog

Writing program which allows you to be creative with words: they can be reshaped, resized, etc.

Powerpoint
Publisher: Microsoft
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Magoto

This versatile presentation software can be used for lecture and notetaking classes, part of an oral skills curriculum which includes a formal presentation, or a computer literacy course which includes a multimedia component. Since it's part of Microsoft's popular Office suite of integrated applications, it works well as a publishing component of information created in Word (word processor) and Excel (a spreadsheet). If you have the right classroom (access to an OHP and an LCD panel) this can be a powerful and colorful alternative to the blackboard or transparencies.

Print Shop/New Print Shop/Print Shop Deluxe
Publisher: Broderbund
See also Learning Services, Educational Resources
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Baltra, N. Johnson

This computer tool is very useful in enabling students to complete such tasks as creating greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. The new Print Shop Deluxe edition adds the following capabilities to the previous editions: scalable graphics, color printing, TrueType fonts (which can also be scaled without losing any quality), new styles of ready-made graphics to serve as backgrounds for individual letters or as a border for a whole side of a text, special pre-made headline texts, rich text which allows users to change fonts, styles, sizes and colors within individual words, a new utility to export Print Shop Deluxe graphics to other programs, and a layout program to facilitate creative mixing of text and graphics.

Scriber
Publisher: Pacific Lotus
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: CJ (3:1/1992); Healey

This program works with a special closed-caption decoder to capture TV captions to disk. It is very handy for those who would otherwise transcribe captions. The software works with the newer closed-captioned televisions, the FA710 Scriber system, and the PL 100 Telescriber (the last two from Pacific Lotus).

Once the closed captions have been saved to disk, teachers are able to create exercises using them. Students with a high level of proficiency can compare what is said on TV to what is transcribed to come up with the rules those who do closed captions use.

Telnet
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

Use this to access a host computer via modem or via MacTCP. You can use Telnet to "chat" online and to access ftp to transfer files. It requires a modem or a network connection; some technical knowedge is also helpful when setting it up. This program is widely available through colleges and universities.

Tex
Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

Add your own text (preferably in large quantity) to create a free-form database that can act like a concordancer. It does not allow you to export text in order to create exercises. Once indexes are created, searches are very fast. This HyperCard-based program is also loaded with programming tools (XCMDs). This program, FreeText, and Browser are all variations by Mark Zimmerman on the concordancer theme.

Timbuktu Pro 1.05
Publisher: Farallon
Level: Beginning For: All
Info from: Magoto

Allows one computer to see and manipulate what is on the screen of a networked machine. Useful for various networking tasks: 1) where a teacher would like to see or present student writing, 2) where a CALL coordinator needs to offer support to users. It's rather expensive and probably not as effective as face-to-face contact with students or other teachers, but it can be useful when people are in different locations.

War of the Worlds

Publisher: CALL-IS Macintosh Library
Also ftp from archive.merit.edu or Gopher from CELIA
Level: Teacher For: Teacher
Info from: Healey

A text file from the Project Gutenberg collection, this 300+K file would be a good textbase to use with a concordancer like Browser or Tex. It is too large to use in its entirety with Conc, however, unless you have a great deal of memory. Since this file is plain text, it is far more useful as the basis for exercises than as a reading; students might as well read the book as the screen.

Word Cross

Publisher: Hi-Tech of Santa Cruz
See also Educational Resources
Level: Advanced For: all
Info from: Algren, Koons

A program that allows you to create crossword puzzles and to make as many different versions of the puzzle as you choose. You can print an answer key as well. Clues can be printed on a separate page from the puzzle. One user noted that the copy protection scheme is very cumbersome.

WordPerfect

Publisher: Novell
Level: Beginning For: Teacher
Info from: Higgins

Used by students for word-processing. In addition, students are encouraged to use the thesaurus and spellcheck tools to investigate vocabulary. For instance, the spelling dictionary is searched for all words with a particular ending, such as the adjectives ending in -ID, to see if they share common features.

CALL-IS Macintosh Library List

Freeware (f) and Shareware (s)# (These disks generally have between 1MB and 1.4MB on each disk. This version of the library uses high-density disks; the files are grouped by level and skill where possible.)

The files on these disks are now available via Gopher or ftp for those with Internet access. Using Gopher, connect to USA/Michigan/Merit Software Archives/CELIA/English. Using ftp, connect to archive.merit.edu. In either case, it's best to download the 00mac-index.txt file and look at what the file names are first, then download what you really want.

f H1-CALL-IS Resource Disk: Software List in word-processed form, software list databases, *CÆLL Journal* Annotated Bibliography, and TESOL CALL Info stack. The 1994 CALL-IS Software List includes Mac, IBM, Apple, and Amiga programs that are being used with ESL students, though many of them are not designed specifically for ESL. Look for an update around TESOL time in April. You can get a paper copy of the 1993 list for about $17+ shipping/handling from TESOL Publications (after April, there will be a 1995 paper version from TESOL). There is a doc file that explains the format of the database versions of the software list. TESOL CALL Info is an introduction to computer-assisted language learning in the form of a self-access HyperCard stack. Newcomers94 is the presentation stack used with the 1994 Newcomer's Orientation to CALL. Both are by Deborah Healey.

s/f H2-Mostly For Discussion: These programs are for any level except the most basic. This disk includes AdventureMaker, which lets you create adventure programs with a substantial amount of planning, discussion, and effort; Apple-Jam, which lets people interact in real time over a network (they can't save what they write, unfortunately); World Atlas, a simple atlas; Public Folder, another way for students to share work with each other; LyfeTyme Calendar, which produces calendars for any year from 1904 to well beyond when any of us now alive will need to look at a calendar; AnimalYear, a HyperCard-based program that computes your age in various animal years and generally makes you feel Very Old; Dinosaurs, a HyperCard stack about dinosaurs; Folk Tunes, that plays simple folk tunes; HyperRap, that plays rhythms—no words; Inigo Gets Out, a good stimulus for story-writing, especially in the younger crowd; and RoadAtlas, a program that helps you plot routes between major cities, thus forming a basis for discussion. Most of these are HyperCard-based and free.

f H3-Vowel Drills: These two HyperCard stacks by Ronald Anderson give students practice in discriminating vowel sounds. Students click on a number then on a word until they find a match. They write the number and word down on a piece of paper to check when finished. This does not let students record themselves to compare with a model, but it's free.

f H4-Intermediate Content-based: Immigrants is a simulation of life in early America for an Irish immigrant family. This simulation includes a lot of suggestions for related off-computer activities, so doing the whole thing can take several hours to days of activity. The AIDS stack provides hypertext information about AIDS and HIV. It was put together by the folks at Tulane University, who hope it can be distributed as widely as possible. Both run under HyperCard and are useful for intermediate to advanced students.

s/f H5-Spelling and Listening: SpellTest and Spelling Tutor work with MacInTalk, which can be difficult to work with—both from a technical point of view and from a comprehensibility standpoint, since MacInTalk is synthesized rather than digitized speech. Also on the disk is Directions, a listening comprehension HyperCard stack where learners have to listen to directions and click on the appropriate house.

f/s H6-Strategy and Simulation: These are intermediate to advanced-level programs. NetRisk allows players on a network to work together or separately to achieve world domination; NetTrek is similar, but on a galactic scale; Stocks! has players trying to get rich; Hangman Plus ($10 shareware) is a version of the classic game; and Fogg City Adventure offers listening practice as learners try to solve a mystery. The first three need teacher intervention for language learning to take place.

f/s H7-Reading and Writing: These intermediate to advanced-level programs include Quotes & Quips, anecdotes that users can add to (only 5 in the stack now); Vocabulary Skills, a "how to" stack with suggestions for strategies to use while reading, such as finding vocabulary in context and using a dictionary; MacAdLib, which generates sentences from user-input people, verbs, and adverbs (okay, but not spectacular); American Profile, a multiple-choice quiz on Americana (if the answer is incorrect, the correct answer is not given, so students need to be told to take notes and go through the quiz more than once—frustrating, but maybe useful that way); HyperResume, a resume-builder in HyperCard for those applying to high-tech jobs; Buddy-O-Matic, a plot-generator for "Buddy" movies; Reading and Writing the Paragraph, a step-by-step guide to the paragraph in HyperCard format; and International Poetry, a template by Dominique Lap that lets students type in a poem in English and in their language and record both. The last requires HyperCard 2.1 and does not run with HyperCard Player. Because students record their own work, even beginners could use this program.

f H8-Simulations and More: This includes HyperQuest, the only adventure game I can win; it can be played in 1-2 class sessions. It requires tasks from a teacher to be of value for language learning. Eliza is a version of the classic program where the computer tries to ask and answer questions in a psychoanalytic vein (text only). This works best with advanced students. The Wordtris Demo shows a word version of Tetris where students need to act quickly to create words with falling letters. Definitely advanced.

f H9- VOA News Lesson. This contribution from Jim Duber is based on an excerpt from a Voice of America news broadcast. Although primarily a high-intermediate to advanced listening exercise, it includes other activities. Requires QuickTime.

f H10- Clinton Debate: Like Disk H50, this program by Jim Duber is primarily a high-intermediate to advanced listening exercise. It is based on a short excerpt from comments by US President Bill Clinton during the 1992 US Presidential debates. Requires QuickTime.

f H11/H12-Computer Camp: This is a two-disk set; the program won't run without files on both disks. Another high-intermediate to advanced listening-and-more program by Jim Duber, this one is based on a TV news report about a computer camp for children in Santa Clara, California. This also requires QuickTime.

f/s H13-Adventures. Three of the adventure games on this disk—Adventure, Save Princeton ($10 shareware), and Zork—came to the Mac from mainframe and DOS computers, which means they have no graphics. The Village ($15 shareware) is more interesting visually but requires less reading to figure out how to get out of the maze/achieve the goal. These work best if a teacher assigns roles to members of a group and follows up the computer task with one off the computer.

f/s H14-Advanced Content-based: This disk includes three content-based programs that are useful for advanced reading; they can also serve as discussion-generators with help from a teacher. The programs are Periodic Table, about the elements; Express Yourself!, about the Bill of Rights of the US Constitution; and the shareware Islamic History Stax, a hypermedia-based look at different elements of Islamic history.

f/s H15-Advanced word games: This disk includes CrossMaster, a crossword-authoring program; Hyper Word Hunt, a word search-style game with different kinds of clues; Jabberwock, hypertext based on Lewis Carroll's Jabberwocky; VocGen, HyperGobbledygook, and Random Sentence Generator, all HyperCard-based phrase generators where students can try to figure out the phrase-generating algorithms; Ars Magna ($10 shareware), an anagram-generator that produces prodigious output; MacEnquirer, a program that generates National Enquirer-style headlines ad nauseam; Poetry Shop, a prewriting program that prompts students step by step in the creation of six styles of poetry and also includes a number of fiction starters; and Merz Poetry, a poetry generator. All except CrossMaster are for advanced students. CrossMaster can be used with any proficiency level.

s/f H16-Advanced Reading/Discussion: This includes the population simulation Wator; Animal, where you teach the computer about animals; MacTrivia, an authorable Q&A about different topics; a Boggle-like MacWordHunt; one of my favorites, the Wheel of Fortune clone PhrazeCraze Plus (also authorable, this comes with idioms data files); the discussion-generators Biorhythm and I Ching, where students can read the concepts and discuss the results; Telephone<=>Acronyms, an acronym-generator that takes telephone numbers as its input for letters; This Equals That, a vocabulary guessing game; CrossWise ($10 Shareware), a Scrabble-style program; Lembracs ($10 shareware), a scrambled word game that works very well with students in pairs; Logodædalus, a Boggle-style game; and Logogrip, another vocabulary game. These are best for intermediate to advanced students.

s H17- JFK: Information, including a QuickTime clip, about the Kennedy assassination. It would make a good supplement to the film, JFK. This needs a hard drive to run. This is best for advanced-level students.

f H18-Hypertext Books: Students can page through Hypertext Frankenstein and Hypertext Red Badge of Courage on the computer, read the existing annotations, make their own annotations, and set computer bookmarks that allow a quick jump back from a related idea. This would be good for those who prefer reading on the computer to reading print. These and other hypertext books are available via ftp from ftp.dartmouth.edu.

f H19-Concordancers: This disk has four concordancers, Browser, Conc, FreeText, and Tex. Browser is view-only; you can't export concordances to create exercises with. FreeText and Tex are the same way, but offer more options in terms of word display and will work on very large files. Conc does let you save concordances, so I tend to prefer it to Browser unless you're using very large files. These come with the text of Alice in Wonderland and a piece of my dissertation, but you can (and should) add your own texts. Disk H21 has a variety of corpora to choose from. Conc is memory based and does not work well with very large texts unless you have gobs of free memory. Also on this disk is List Words, a word-frequency program. All of these are most suitable for advanced students.

f H20- MonoConc: A HyperCard-based concordancer by Mike Barlow, this offers a variety of concordancing and collocation possibilities. It comes with a substantial text file of business news, but other files can be used instead.

f H21- Corpora: The corpora are primarily transcripts of science lectures; they came from the MS-DOS Users Group collection. All are free. They include CELL-LEC.TXT, CHEM-VID.TXT, GEOL-VID.TXT, PHYS-VID.TXT, PLANTLEC.TXT, TISSULEC.TXT, and a text version of War of the Worlds and excerpts of Moby Dick (MOBY.1-20) The corpora are most appropriate for advanced-level students.

s H22-Strategy Games: This disk includes strategy games Jump-It, Stratego (like Battleship), Ballistics (aim well to wipe out the other side), PUZZ'L (put together jigsaw puzzles), Wave Maker (create waveforms), ZeroGravity (avoid getting sucked out the airlock), 3D Checkers, 3rd Dimension (another 3D checkers), Black Box (a classic logic puzzle), Connect Four, Tic-Tac-Toe-Too (3D tic-tac-toe), Marienbad (a highbrow logic game), Otello, Risk (like the board game), and Glider. Glider is my favorite in this group because it requires maneuvering through a house, thus allows for much greater ESL potential. In all of these, tasks must be set by the teacher; they can be played in complete silence with no use of language unless a teacher intervenes. As a result, they are for any proficiency level.

f H23- Alphabet1. This and the next disk are for learning letters and numbers. Both use digitized sound and are from the Adult Success Center at Idaho State University.

f H24- Alphabet2. This works with H12 to teach letters and numbers.

f H25-ESD1. This and the next 4 disks form the English Speaking Dictionary from the Adult Success Center at Idaho State University. They run from a common menu and offer digitized sound to help new adult readers connect sounds and symbols. They cover such topics are job-related vocabulary, transportation, animals, insects, mammals, food, sports, and more.

f H26-ESD2. See H14.

f H27-ESD3. See H14.

f H28-ESD4. See H14.

f H29-ESD5. See H14.

f H30-Beginning Wida Data Files+: This is mostly a collection of beginning grammar and vocabulary exercises, including the HyperCard-based Verb Flash Cards Beginning; Hangman Plus; Wordsearch, a word search creator; and Choicemaster, Gapmaster, Testmaster, and Storyboard data files for beginning to intermediate learners. Also on the disk are demo versions of Gapmaster, Choicemaster, and Storyboard that let you run existing data files but not modify them or create new ones. In addition, there are two literacy-level utility programs based on MacInTalk: SpeakEasy and Talking Keys. Both say words, using synthesized (therefore not very human-sounding) speech.

f H31-Int/Adv data files: This includes Choicemaster, Gapmaster, Testmaster, and Storyboard grammar, reading, and vocabulary data files for intermediate and advanced learners. Also on the disk are demo versions of Gapmaster, Choicemaster, and Storyboard that let you run existing data files but not modify them or create new ones.

f/s H32-Teacher Utilities1: This includes CalendarMaker ($35 shareware), a nice calendar generator; Grademaster, a gradebook program; Flash Card Template, the raw material used to create Verb Flash Cards; FlashCards, another flashcard program; the test authoring tools HyperQuiz and HyperTest (both somewhat flaky); IPA Fonts for those who need to use the International Phonetic Alphabet; and TESL-EJ Vol. 1 No. O.5, a sample of the electronic journal, TESL-EJ.

f/s H33-Lab Utilities: AddStrip is shareware that is useful to those who download text files from networks; Cat•Mac is a shareware file cataloging program; FastFormatter is a free program that lets you format disks a bit faster; GuardDog lets you set specific keys to press in order to make changes on the desktop; Heap Tool adjusts the system heap in System 6; Hider lets you hide the System folder under System 6—a great tool for a System 6 lab; INIT Scope helps figure out what INITs might be in conflict; JClock puts a clock on the menubar; Logger tracks files that are used; Moire is a screen blanker; NetCheck helps a little bit in pinpointing network errors, though commercial programs work better; Paint Grabber lets you grab Paint files from inside any application; RAM Check looks for memory problems; SadMacErrorCodes gives a list of Mac error codes; Sav-O-Matic saves files automatically at the time interval you set; SCSI Probe lets you mount and unmount drives; and phantomLabeler is a label-generating program.

f H34-Virus Protection: This includes Gatekeeper, Gatekeeper Aid, and Disinfectant. All are as current as possible, but you will need to get updates periodically. These programs are widely available over the Internet and work as well as—and some would say better than—commercial programs because they are updated so often. The disk also includes a compressed version of System 7.0.1, which can be expanded to create a startup disk. For best results when checking the System Folder on a hard drive, start up from the Disinfectant startup disk (which should always be locked, by the way).

s/f H35-BCS Art: This disk includes the paint programs MacBillboard ($35 shareware), LightningPaint (shareware), and Kid Pix (a free version of the utterly delightful commercial program), along with a variety of clip art from the Boston Computer Society (BCS).

s/f H36-Tricks1+4: This works with the next disk to create the Tricks series of HyperCard programming tools. These were originally for HyperCard 1.2.5, so use them with caution.

s H37-Tricks2+3: This works with the Tricks files on H37.

s/f H38-Developer1: This includes the ToolKit XCMDs and YAM--Yet Another Minifinder, both HyperCard programming tools. YAM is particularly helpful in labs that don't have At Ease, a Finder replacement.

s/f H39-Developer2: This disk includes the authoring tools the Dartmouth XCMDs, HyperTalk Tutorial (help with HyperTalk ver. 1.2, mostly), HandyScripts, HyperZap (this strips protection from stacks), MultiFont (less useful with HyperCard 2.0+), McVicker's Author Tools, and BroadCast (lets you grab icons over a network).

s H40-Herren Authoring: This self-extracting archive includes updated versions of Guided Reading, CDictation, Digital Lab, and VideoDictation. All four are authoring tools. Guided Reading ($35 shareware) lets you create texts that have glosses, pictures, digitized sound, video clips from a connected laserdisc player, and even QuickTime movies as annotations. The shell is set up to be as painless and as flexible as possible. CDictation ($25 shareware) is for those who like to use music as a language source. You use this HyperCard stack with an audio CD. It lets you link the lyrics (which you have to input—type or scan in) to the spot on the CD where they occur, creating a dictation exercise. Students can listen to the song, try the dictation, then watch as the program highlights the text that it is playing. Very nifty. Creating CDictations would be a good collaborative project for teachers (or for advanced students, for that matter). Sample files from Jeff Magoto are included. If you want to create vocabulary lessons with sound, Digital Lab ($25 shareware) makes it easier. Students can record and play back their voices to compare with the original, though it only stores one sound at a time for the student. VideoDictation ($25 shareware) is like CDictation, but uses a laserdisc for input. It lets you link text (which you have to input—type or scan in) to the spot on the laserdisc where it occurs, creating a dictation or cloze exercise.

s? H41-Telecom 1: Internet Tour is an explanation of navigating the Internet. This is helpful only if you are on the Internet network.

f/s H42-Telecom2: This includes several utilities for compressing and uncompressing files, including DDExpand (works with Disk Doubler files), Stuffit Expander (for most other Mac extraction needs), UnZip and ZipPop (for DOS files), and UULite, uuUndo, and uuZip (for Unix files).

f/s H43-Telecom3: This has GIFConverter for viewing and converting pictures sent over the Internet; ZTerm ($35 shareware), a plain but useful modem program; and Kermit, another modem program.

f H44-Telecom4: This provides more Internet utilities. Eudora is a wonderful Mail program that you can use via modem or via MacTCP to access a "POP" mail server. If the mail host is not running the Post Office Protocol (POP), Eudora won't work. Fetch is a tool for logging into and navigating remote sites in order to send and receive files—ftp without the pain. Telnet is used to access a host computer via modem or via MacTCP. You can use Telnet to "chat" online and to access ftp to transfer files. Fetch requires MacTCP, which is also on this disk. With all of these, you will need technical information in order to configure the programs correctly for your computer and the host computer you will connect to. Fetch, Eudora, and Telnet are free to educators and educational institutions.

f H45-Dasher Demo: This includes a demo of an authoring program and samples, including files with digitized sound.

f H46-VersaText Demo1: This is a demo of hypertext authoring program that focuses on reading skills.

f H47-VersaText Demo2: This gives samples of VersaText hypertext; it needs either VersaText or the VersaText Demo (disk H26) to run.

f H48-Testing and Grammatik Demos: This has a demo for LXR•Test, a powerful but complex test generator, and for Grammatik, a style and grammar checker.

f H49-Listening and Writing Demos: HyperAce is an advanced listening program. The full program comes on 14 disks; information about ordering is on the demo disk. Process Your Thoughts is a text with accompanying software that teaches word-processing while teaching writing.

f H50-Articulation Practice: an exploration and game practice of articulatory phonetics. While initially intended for teachers studying for CLAD competencies, it could also be help advanced students practice pronunciation.

CD-ROM

f DynEd CD-ROM Sampler: This CD-ROM disk includes samples of Dynamic English, Interactive Business English, Dynamic Japanese, and Alice in Wonderland from DynEd. You need a Macintosh running 7.0 or higher, color monitor, 2MB of free memory, and a CD-ROM player to run the demo.

NOTE: If a program is described as a HyperCard stack, it means you need to own a copy of HyperCard Player or HyperCard to use the program. HyperCard Player is not included on these disks. The programs listed will run with HyperCard 2.0 or better, unless otherwise noted.

Please also note that these programs are not guaranteed to work on your configuration of hardware and software. I have run most of these disks on a Macintosh IIsi and System 7. Please let me know if there are some that you have trouble with. The CALL Interest Section and I take no responsibility for what you do with these programs or for what they may do on your equipment.

Information about the programs: I've included a "doc" file that briefly explains what the programs are if the programs do not have their own documentation. Also, check Get Info (under the File menu when you're on the desktop) for very brief synopses of some programs. Otherwise, most programs have some form of information about themselves as the first item under the Apple menu. If you get totally stuck, give me a call at 503-683-7454 (home) or 503-737-6985 (work)-Pacific time-and I'll do what I can to help.

Recommendations for people new to CALL on the Mac:
H1 CALL IS resource disk, including the TESOL CALL Info Stack

Recommendations for busy teachers:
H3 Vowel Drills: good if you have students who need a bit of pronunciation work.
H4 Intermediate Content-based: Immigrants is good for grades 6-12 or adults. This works best if incorporated into a class.
H5 Spelling and Listening includes Directions, a nice listening comprehension exercise.
H6 Strategy and Simulation: Fogg City Adventure and Hangman take very little teacher prep.
H7 Reading and Writing: check out Vocabulary Skills and Buddy-O-Matic.
H9, H10, and H11/12: these different listening (plus) programs from Jim Duber are ready to use.
H15 Advanced Word Games: especially HyperWord Hunt for advanced ESL students.
H16 Advanced Reading/Discussion:I use and like PhrazeCraze. The word games are very nice, especially if the learners work in groups.
H23-H29 for literacy work.
H30, H31, and H32 offer a lot of data files for grammar, vocabulary, and reading work.

To get any of these disks, send
one **Macintosh formatted** 1.4MB disk per disk requested (each of the numbered items is one 1.4MB disk) and
a self-addressed mailing label (I'll put it on your original package) and
return postage. You can figure that it will cost as much to mail the disks back to you as it did for you to mail them to me. Please don't use a postage meter or the post office will make me pay to mail it. They're like that.

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Add $.50 per disk for copying. If you are asking for fewer than 10 disks, don't bother with the fee—I'll copy the disks myself. If you want more than 10, I'll hire the copying out. I will try to get the disks copied and mailed back within three working days. If I have to format the disks for you, however, it may take between a long time and forever. If you are outside the US and cannot get US postage stamps, you should send your formatted disks, a self-addressed mailer and $1 US per disk for shipping and handling. I will try to mail the disks back within a week.
If you have a Macintosh that uses only 800K disks, let me know and I'll send you the 800K library list.

Questions? Call me—but remember that Oregon is on Pacific Time—at 503-683-7454 (h) or 503-737-6985 (w). You can also reach me on the Internet as HealeyD@ccmail.orst.edu or even write to me at the address above. For those who'd rather fax, the number is 503-737-0871. Make sure you put my name on the TO: portion of the fax.

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[*] A note on shareware: "Freeware" programs are free. "Shareware" is NOT free. These disks are made available to people in the hopes that their users will do the right thing and send money to the person who wrote the program. The advantage of shareware is that you do not have to pay for a program that you do not use. The obligation of shareware users is to encourage authors to distribute software this way by paying for the programs that they do use. Shareware programs will have a screen that you can print out as an invoice, usually in a ReadMe file or in the About... under the Apple menu.

CALL-IS MS-DOS Library List

This is a partial listing of the MS-DOS library holdings. For a complete listing, order the Catalog Disk. See ordering information after the list of disks.

PROGRAMS

1001 Topics: The 1358 topics for writing in this program are arranged in 21 major categories. The learner can look at 20 topics per screen within each category.

Adverbs and Adjectives in -LY: This short multiple-choice activity in four parts deals with situations in which students may be confused about an -LY word that is used as an adjective rather than as an adverb.

Around the World in Eighty Days This is a text-based adventure game in which the player tries to travel around the world before an eighty-day limit expires.

Book Report: This asks the learner questions about a book, grouped in six major areas. The answers to the questions are compiled and printed. The object is to give the learner a basic framework for writing a book report.

CALIS Reading Texts: The college-level texts have fill-in, ordering, and short answer matching exercises that were developed with CALIS. CALIS is not required to run these exercises, but would be to create new ones.

Cohesive Devices I: A multiple-choice exercise based on a series of 12 short reading passages. The student is asked to insert the correct cohesive device, based on the context. Incorrect choices are explained.

Cohesive Devices II: Relying on the provided texts, this program uses fill-in, short answer, and cloze techniques to elicit responses. Incorrect choices are explained. There are five different activities.

Concord: This simple program scans a large text to create KWIC (key word in context) concordances of any word or part of a word.

Concords: This goes through a large text to create a list of sentences containing a target word. The output may be viewed on screen or captured to a disk.

Crimelab: This learner starts by reading a paragraph that sets the scene. The program then explains blood types, demonstrates blood typing, and then allows the student to apply what he or she has learned (without real blood, of course). No instructions come with the program, so the teacher would have to become familiar with it first, then create instructions for students.

Eclipse: The player competes with the computer to fill in the most words in a cloze short story. This disk includes an editor, and texts can be added.

Free Database Program: This consists of a series of short DOS programs that provide the LIST, SORT, ADD, DELETE, AND, OR, and COPY functions found in most databases.

Freeword: A simple but free word processor.

Grammar Programs (by Dalgish). This is a series of disks designed for ESL, including:

Articles: Students get practice in deciding whether 'a', 'an', 'the,' or no article should go before a word.

Editing Practice: Students practice correcting sentence- or paragraph-level errors. Learners may select the type of error or let the computer randomly sprinkle errors in the paragraph.

Infinitives/-ing:Two programs: one on participle choices and the second on main verbs with infinitives vs gerunds.

Parts of Speech: This helps ESL students distinguish between the noun, verb, and adjective forms of a word.

Plurals: This analyzes a noun and its plural, as typed in by the student.

Prepositionals: Students choose the correct preposition for each sentence; it gives students the option to type their own word to determine what preposition goes with it.

Prepositions of Time, Place and Motion: Students type the appropriate preposition into a blank in a sentence.

Question Formation: This program randomly creates Wh-, tag, or Yes/No question types; the student must select the Q-word position.

Sentence Combining: Subordinate and coordinate clause structures are randomly created. Students must figure out the correct connector.

Subject-Verb Agreement: This provides practice in getting the subject and verb to agree in a sentence. An added feature is that students can practice according to errors most common to speakers of their native language.

Verb Forms: Students must choose whether the infinitive or the gerund (-ing) form should be used in a sentence.

Verb Tenses: Word- and sentence-level practice of irregular verbs.

Haiku Machine This is a program that prompts students to write poems about the different seasons in a formal Haiku style.

Hangman in Context: This version of the familiar program takes words from plain text files provided by the teacher. Learners can gradually see the context from which the word in taken in exchange for points.

Hype: This simple hypertext generator has a few quirks, but allows the relatively easy creation of ESL activities. Some sample texts are included.

Hypershell: This hypertext generator is a step up from Hype in terms of features, so is a bit more complicated to use.

Market: This program allows the student to buy and sell stock on a simulated stock exchange. Each player begins with a specific amount of money, then proceeds through a certain number of days. At the end of each day, each stock and the portfolio as a whole can be viewed in a performance graph.

Monster: This asks the user to insert words based upon the directions given to complete a short story about the appearance and attributes of a monster.

Newsletters: These disk versions of the MS-DOS Users' Group Newsletter can be useful for research/study purposes.

Reading for Information I: Non-Verbal Communication and *Reading for Information II: Heart and Personality*: These are comprehensive reading exercises where the student is trained to read dense text for specific information. The student must learn to ask relevant questions and fill in an outline. To elicit information, the student chooses questions to pose in sections of the text.

Science Corpus, Biology Lecture, Chemistry Lecture: These are large text files for use with a concordancer.

Scrambled Countries Game: This shareware geography-based word and grammar "game" immerses students in a target language environment while focusing their attention away from direct focus on the language itself. The basic game consists of anagrams of the world's countries. As hints, the country's capital city, continent, and language are provided. A variety of synonymous sentences are used so that the student is passively exposed to multiple forms. The package runs in English, French, Spanish, or German. In each case, there are secondary grammar points covered, such as capitalization, use of articles, gender, etc. Not authorable.

Sleuth: This fairly simple to use murder-mystery simulation allows the user(s) to visually move through a house, read written descriptions, and question or examine suspects. An option allows for the inclusion of custom names as suspects, for personalization. It seems that it could be incorporated into a one- or two-session adventure game exploitation.

Styled: The program analyses writing as to word length, punctuation, syntax, and nominalization. The manual in the accompanying file explains what the feedback means; the writer can then take it or leave it.

Super Cloze 5.1: This shareware game works with any plain text (ASCII) file to generate on-line clozes. Deletions can occur on every nth word (n=2 to 9), on words marked for deletion, according to word lists, or according to the c-test formula. Hints are provided and it is fairly easy to use. Texts can be added easily; the program then asks how the cloze should be created.

Synonyms: This defines what synonyms are and how they are used. It contains some short and not overly complex exercises. It would be excellent for a beginner.

Tic-Tac-Know: This mini-authoring system for general comprehension and grammar questions has two players competing to fill in the items in a tic-tac-toe grid. The program randomly assigns a category for each of the nine squares. The square is only filled in if the player answers the question correctly. Upon failure to do so, the other player must answer a different question from the same category. Question files can be produced by the teacher using any word processor. A "test" program is included to ensure the integrity of the question file. Teacher authorable.

TOEFL Practice Test: A set of 30 practice drills modelled on the TOEFL test. This diagnostic test refers students to supplementary readings and exercises contained in a series of standard texts, whose titles are provided. The program is designed so that a novice programmer can easily change the items and produce new exercises.

Track: Learners have to read carefully and think about a set of clues in order to work out missing information on a diagram of the London subway system. The program can be used on screen or will create paper puzzles.

Trivia: A fast-paced short answer game, Trivia can be used as the basis for any rapid practice activity. Teacher authorable.

Verbalist: This is a program that shows the main conjugation of approximately 180 verbs in the following ways: F1=past tense, F2=modal, F3=non-perfect/perfect, F4=simple/ continuous, F5=affirmative/negative, and F6=question/statement.

Word Order: Teachers write short sentences in a list. The words are jumbled as they appear on the screen. As users select words, they move to the top of the screen. The program tells the student whether the order was correct or not once all the words have been arranged.

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Rapid Recall Demo: There are only sample files on this disk; there is no program.

Andrew Tobias: Managing Your Money Demo: This demonstration will allow the user to see some of the functions in the full version: budgeting, insurance and estate planning, estimating income tax, and many more.

Best of Higgins Demo: This disk contains a few text files and the demo versions of Double-up, Sort Set, Sequitur, Rhubarb, and Mark-Up.

Classroom Information System Demo: This demonstration is not interactive; it simply displays the capabilities of the Impetus Classroom Information System.

Eurocentres Demo: This disk contains a few text files and the demo versions of Testmaster, Pinpoint, Matchmaster, Choicemaster, and Gapmaster.

Quest Demo: This is a demo of a courseware authoring system.

TextLab Demo: This gives information about ALA's TextLab.

Versatext Demo: This is a demo of a reading comprehension and skills program. It allows the person many different options like choice of text, timing the reading, and comprehension questions.

Smart System Demo: This is a demo of a program that contains a Spreadsheet, a Data Base, a Word Processor, Business Graphics, and Communications capabilities.

Smart Money Demo: This is a budget and account management program. There are pictures which help the user to locate all of the functions that are available in the program.

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